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NADIS

Some people felt sorry that they consulted "Nadis" written on palmyra leaves claimed to be written by the ancient Rishis of India. It is a fact that the events in the lives of many persons born and yet to be born are found written already by Hindu genius. People who have consulted add that they are dumbfounded with the surprisingly accurate happenings of the past events, but feel upset when the future prediction fail miserably. This is a common complaint. Thousands of years ago, Rishis wrote these wonderful predictions. When they can be very correct in all predictions from the time of birth of the native till the date of consultation, why should they fail in their future predictions. I also agree with those who say that this needs proper investigation because there are a large number of genuine Nadis and it is likely that a few may be unauthentic ones. The solution can be found

easily if the palm leaves are handed over to the consultants, by the owners, who hold the leaves and read out the results, as if from them. I am confident that if the palm leaves are given to the querist and if the reading of the past and present should agree correctly, the future must also be invariably correct when alone the Nadi can claim to be one of the genuine documents. Our sages who had written Nadis can never fail in their predictions and they have never failed, because of their intuitive power and scientific knowledge.

It is not unlikely that a few readers of the palm leaves gain enough knowledge and experience in reciting verses, composed by themselves in no time. A few of them, when they read the past events, have to read very strictly the material as is found in the leaves, because the past has to be correct. It is only then will, the consultant hear him further. But when the future is to be read, it is open to doubt as to whether he reads only those materials found on the leaves or he himself coins verses suiting to the taste of the querist.

In one case, a consultant and his friend caught hold of such a fraud, the Nadi reader, redhanded, because he had Mahabaratham on hand and read his life by having those leaves on hand, looking at them and turning over pages after pages every 5 minutes. Another experience at Benares was also published in the magazine Astrology and Athrishta. It is a pity that the existence of a very few of such people bring ridicule to this amazing Nadi.

Another investigation is also to be made to find out whether the documents are genuine and original. There is the doubt whether the authors. i.e., the sages, knew all languages including Tamil, etc., in South India, as they lived in the North having Sanskrit as the Mother tongue and Nadis are found in all languages. They used paper and pen as some Nadis are found written in paper and claimed to be original. Whatever it is, there are records now, to prove that astrology was practised by many people, thousands of years ago who could predict even the birth time of a native in 20th century, the place of his birth, names of his parents, occupations etc., and the events in his life; marriage, profession, foreign journey, property, conveyance, etc. They had such profound knowledge. Now it has deteriorated to a very great extent, like a multi-millionaire having a few hundreds in the bank. It is more or less in a pitiable condition in India.

In fact, there is probably not one science which is not properly understood, which so many pretend to know, and on which so many are prepared to express one's opinion as in the case of astrology.

Westners are always research-minded. If they find any trust in any statement and if they are convinced, they study it further, and develop it. It may be that there are failures. Yet they wonder as to how it is possible to predict correctly in some cases, and why in other cases there is failure; and to find out the truth, they make research till something satisfactory is discovered.

Babylonians were observing the stars for more than 4,73,000 years. So says Didorous in his writings in 30 B.C. and they still continue to observe, record and further improve their knowledge in Astronomy which is the complement of the other science. I have, so far, been briefly stating the fate of astrology in India and in other countries from the time of Creation till today.

ASTROLOGY-AVAILABLE DATE INCOMPLETE

Astrology today is incomplete and needs to be vastly supplemented. No one is possession of all the findings of our sages; nor are we blessed with such a Guru who can impart correct scientific knowledge to us. Whatever we may have today is only a part of what they have left behind. A subject taught by Professor will be complete. We are not fortunate to have such an advantage in our life-time. So with what little literature we possess, we have to understand the fundamental principles and then, by regular and strenuous work, develop it.

Another disadvantage is that in India there are many languages and the subjects were written mostly in verses. The first difficulty is to translate them correctly into the respective languages and get them printed. Hence all the books that are printed, in Tamil, are not found in Gujarati, Marathi, Hindi,

Telugu, Kannada or Malayalam. Some books in Gujarati are not available in Tamil; nor are they heard of by Tamilians.

In each language, only new books are produced. Many are left out due to various reasons, the main one being the cost of printing and the lack of satisfactory encouragement from any source. Hence the ancient literature available in each place is incomplete like a torn-out Dictionary. It is a part of the game. This is one of the main reasons why we feel the need to have a study circle and do research.

It is our view that one should know the principles of astrology by studying all the available books written by various authors, both Hindu and Western. We have to collect horoscopes of different people especially twins, born at different times but in the same Latitude and Longitude, births in the same place at the same time, and births in different places having similar charts. They have to get particulars of actual facts from them, the nature of events that occurred, and the time of such events.

Every method of prediction is to be properly applied in order to see which method is satisfactory in explaining the events in a precise and correct manner. If certain method appears to offer diametrically opposite results, the astrologer gets an opportunity to do more research with the material available and find out the inner truth of astrology, being in amendments, and suggest alterations to the original rules or supplement them by the findings which will prove to be correct,

when applied to them and other similar cases. Thus many research workers and publishers have to co-operate, add publish in the present common language English, or in all languages in India, so that we can do real service to the public at large.

When we hear complaints from astrological-minded people, we find that they do not ridicule the science of astrology but only those astrologers whom they consulted. The main reason for the failure of most of the astrologers is due to the defects in their methods of interpretation and their incapability to satisfy the qualifications prescribed by **Varahamihira**.

QUALIFICATION OF AN ASTROLOGY

The Sage says; "An astrologer should come from a noble family, should be good to look at, modest in temperament, true, impartial, and with good physique. He has to be active and courageous. He should be clear in his statement, witty, sincere and free from vices. He should have no stage-fear. He should worship Devas; observe fast and penance; and must be conversant with astronomy and astrology. In the astronomical science, there are five schools of thought in India:

1. Paulisa
2. Romaka Siddhanta
3. Vasishta
4. Saura and
5. Paitamaha

The astrologer should be thorough with all the Siddhantas. He must be able to understand the objections and points of differences".

He assures that when an astrologer has thoroughly understood the mathematical portion and has acquired the sound principles of astrology, his predictions and teachings will never fail.

He asks "How could one who has not understood the spirit of the Sastras, be called an astrologer?" and adds that he is only a fool whose interpretation is just opposite to the principles expounded by our sages and commits mistakes in his calculations. Varahamihira admits "It is easy for anybody to cross a sea if the breeze is favourable. But it is not possible for a person, who is not a sage, to reach the other shore of the ocean of astrology."

Varahamihira felt that even sages in forests, free from domestic worry, pride and prejudice, welcome the astrologer and without hesitation take interest in astrology when they, by chance, meet any wise astrologer.

ADVICE TO ADMINISTRATOR

He advises the Kings that just as the night does not shine without a lamp and the sky without the Sun, so also the King cannot uniformly have a smooth life. He warns that the Kings will have pit-falls even like a blind pedestrian, if he has no astrologer to guide him properly, well in advance.

Varahamihira reiterates thus: "Therefore a King, who desires to maintain fame and enjoy an all-round success, must engage the services of a few leading astrologers who are not only versatile but also clever, well-versed and skilled in this science of prognostication."

He turns to the people of the nation and goes to the extent of saying. "one who is longing for peace and prosperity should avoid living in a place where no astrologer is available" even as Avvaiyar, a great tamil poet said "Don't live in a place where there is no temple"

Varahamihira fears that a King who does not patronise such astrologers, who satisfy these qualifications, will surely come to grief and will be denied mental solace.

Varahamihira encourages and cheers up such astrologers saying that no man or woman who studies the science of astrology and divines the course of destiny will be seen in Hell. In this world, by Hell we mean the worry, anxiety, disharmony, depression, disappointment and no ray of hope for redemption. After death none knows what Hell is. It may be again a rebirth to suffer further. Thus astrology does contribute beneficial effects to one and all including the astrologer; in whichever caste or creed the astrologer may be born, he is honoured.

Varahamihira says that the Yavanas were of low birth. When astrology had come to stay with them, they were adored.

Even now, if astrologers of their standard were available, they will be honoured as astrologers, and they can gain much influence and render real assistance to all those who approach them even as a river in space can quench the thirst of the human beings, animals, birds, aquatics, plants, trees, etc. But a quack is like a deep and dangerous river putting an end to the life of one by wetting the banks dragging him to the depth, immersing him to the bottom, keeping him there itself for some time, and finally lifting him up to float, dead.

ASTROLOGY - ITS USE AND LAMINATIONS

Astrology is a highly respected science; no other method of divination is worth mentioning.

If life's journey can be compared to that of crossing a river, the astrologer can be compared to an experienced boatman. Let us take the experience of one who is crossing a river. When one crosses the river by wading, he finds that the depth of water is increasing. At one stage, when he realises that the current is too strong, he is afraid and unnerved.

Luckily, for him a boatman is sighted. He called the boatman and asks, "Sir, can you kindly tell me whether the river is getting deeper and I have to struggle further, or will it be less deep hereafter, so that I can cross the river without fear?"

The boatman who possesses sufficient knowledge replies, "There is no need for fear. You have taken this route (which is your fate). The depth will increase as you proceed only for a short distance. Then depth will increase as you proceed only for a short distance. Then fortunately you, will meet with a rocky place where the water will be shallow and thereafter there is no need for anxiety. So, you may carry on."

The traveller gets courage to cross with confidence even the deeper course. Is he not free from anxiety from the moment

the boatman gives him the correct knowledge which the passenger does not possess?. The boatman does not give him a life to cross the river by taking him in his boat. He only gives him the knowledge, whereby he gains mental strength. Similarly, the astrologer by his prediction can give the knowledge of the dark future.

Suppose one complains to the astrologer: "I can't understand why God does not help me to get married. I am 37. I am worried, I doubt whether God who created me has completely forgotten my existence. Why do I continue to live alone, I don't know."

The astrologer replies, "Sir, you are destined to marry only at the age of 38. Please wait; you will have your turn only then. However you try, you can't get married earlier. Saturn delays it till you get dejected."

"Thanks very much. At least you have offered mental solace to me," he says and proceeds on his course.

The Astrologer has given only mental strength. He has not relieved him of his worry by offering a girl.

Another may come and say, "Sir, the pressure from Bank and bankers is unbearable. Such thoughts, as to why I should not commit suicide and put an end to this trouble, always flash in my mind. What do you find in my horoscope? Is there any ray of hope to be free from these worries?"

The astrologer says: your trials will be invain. You can't clear the loans for a year to come. The bankers will be pressing you. You will somehow manage to give excuses. Days will pass on; next year you will be all right. Your finance will improve so much that you will be able to even lend assistance to others. You may not believe me now. At that time, you will remember astrology."

No doubt, the querist feels as though he has cleared the loan. (No astrologer will give a cheque and give relief, even if the querist, in his confused state of mind mentioned that suicide would solve his problem easily).

Thus Interpreted in all correctness, a knowledge of astrology does afford mental strength to the feeble and weak-minded, solace to the depressed, peace to the anxious and worried, and steadiness to those who are wavering and vacillating in mind. It is a common experience that when troubles come, they come in battalions and the afflicted person gets solace from this knowledge that the time is not far off when his or her troubles would cease to exist. A full-fledged astrologer, capable of handling the subject with meticulous care, helps in no small measure to dispel the fears in the querist's mind and braces him up to face the future with confidence and hope. The astrologer helps one to have a glimpse of the unknown future; the knowledge of Destiny instored for one, stands one in good stead in surmounting difficulties that present themselves. This early knowledge renders it pos-

sible for one to reconcile himself to the situation one finds himself in, and any severe disappointment is unlikely since one is briefed as to when one can cherish hopes and the extent one can do so. When Dame Fortune smiles and the world appears to be full of roses, few have any use for the science or for the saying "Man proposes and God disposes." With the frowning of fortune, egoism mellows down, and becomes subdued. the knowledge gained through the Science helps one to be levelheaded under any circumstances whether affluent or adverse.

The knowledge of the future prompts one to render help to those who are in need, banish evil thoughts from the mind and make efforts to lead a simple, honest and pious life. The saying "*Do your duty with sincerity and leave the result to God*" holds out a more forceful appeal. Astrology proves that success or failure depends on our previous Karma; sufferings are due to sins committed previously and this thought helps us to be good to society, repeatedly saying. "*It is probably because of some sin committed by me in the previous birth I suffer now; let me not do harm in this life at least to anybody.*"

KARMA-INEQUALITY IN LIFE

The only thing which enjoys a fair distribution in every land is worry. Rich or poor, man or woman, every individual has his or her allotted quota of worry. Peace of mind is what everybody wants and nobody gets. Let us consider a few types of curses or ill-fate and how each is worried.

A rich landlord secures tons of rice at every harvest, but is unable to take a bowl of cooked rice as he suffers from diabetes. He curses his fate.

He who runs a group of High Class Hotels caters delicious food of all varieties to his customers and he has to content himself with it; for he cannot consume even a bit of it himself, since he suffers from blood pressure or any other complications.

An emaciated and thin-looking person with an income barely sufficient for the maintenance of two adults is blessed with enough children to form a cricket team of his own, while a very well-to-do neighbour in the best of health has none and the latter is depressed and does not know when he can have one.

A supremely intelligent person, who had been scoring top marks in the school, is forced by circumstances to serve in later life under one who is extremely dull-witted and is looked upon as a symbol of backwardness. The intelligent person earns a meagre income and carries out the order of the dullwitted, when he can have bright days. This is his worry.

A young girl with no grace or charm, gets married, but her neighbour who is very beautiful and rich with all the required qualifications for marriage, continues to be on the waiting list, forlorn and unhappy, in spite of serious attempts by relative and friends. Will not they be in peace if they are informed by the astrologer what her destiny is and when they can fulfil their desire.

Thus it is observed that every person has his or her share of trials and tribulations in life. If there is assuredly one science that lifts the load off your mind and enables you to face the future with confidence and hope, it is astrology.

The science of astrology alone explains why everyone has some worry or other and also there is so much of inequalities

in life and offers mental solace. The fundamental basis of astrology in Karma and Re-incarnation.

As William Shakespeare said:

"All the world's a stage and men and women are merely players"

The whole world is a huge theatre. The cinema of life goes on for ever. Every individual is an actor. The past, the present, and the future are already fixed in the roll of the films. The future will be shown in the same order without any alteration, and we enjoy or suffer as time passes on without any modification. The roll of film already taken is according to the Karma done by us in the previous birth and the story is the result in this birth and it cannot be changed.

Karma is Sanskrit word. "Kri" means 'action' or 'deed'. *Any mental or physical action is called Karma; every action produces its reaction or result which is known as Karma. Thus Karma includes both the action and the result governed by the irresistible law of "Causation."*

So under the law Karma, there is nothing as a chance or an accident. The so-called chances and accidents are reality the products of some definite causes which we may not be aware of before-hand. That which appears to be accidental or providential to a non-astrological mind is a natural and inevitable incident to an astrologer. Hence, chances, luck or

misfortune are governed absolutely by the law of Causation or Karma. God is neither partial nor unjust, and everything happens according to one's action in the previous birth. Man is completely a puppet in the hands of certain higher agencies. Karma and re-incarnation are like a seed growing into a tree which bears fruits yielding seeds which in turn produce more trees. *The seed is the Karma. The growth of the tree is the life.*

As is the seed, so will be the plant that springs out of it.

If one sows paddy, one cannot get wheat. When one sows orange one cannot get apple. Everyone creates his own destiny. One should realise that, it is because of his own Karma, he suffers. The doctrine of Karma alone explains and reconciles man to the terrible and apparent injustice of life. The knowledge prevents him from cursing life or fellow beings or God. Only the divinity of Karma can explain why people suffer, although they might not have done anything wrong in this life, and they may complain that the stars are bad and that they do not deserve any kind of trouble. Most of us believe that the planets do not cause luck or ill luck. They only indicate the trend of events in our life. The cause is our Karma. It fructifies by the will of God. Without our previous Karma, God who loves us all, who is just and impartial, will not give different results to the people who are His children, or cause troubles to them. You can compare God to rain water which is pure. Rain water enables the seeds to sprout and grow. But some alone thrive, and some

die out. This is due to the inherent potency of the seeds. Astrology explains what Karma one should have done in the previous birth and what he should experience in this birth and when.

A surveyor can say that the rain in Mercara will take the course of the river Cauvery and that in Rishikesh will take the course of the Ganges. These course are earmarked, So also, astrology can offer predictions and also classify those who will try to mitigate the afflictions or augment one's luck and who will not make any attempt at all. Every event will take them by surprise.

DESTINY

Destiny is the inevitable and unavoidable occurrence of events in one's life which is not all under the control of the person but is directed by the Almighty according to His Original Judgment passed on the consideration of the Karma done by the person in the previous birth which is known only to His Almighty. It can be predicted by a wise astrologer. The belief that one can modify or nullify the results of Destiny by exercising his will is not correct.

Natal astrology as propounded by the ancient sages is a convincing science, having its foundations of Karma theory; it should be possible for the astrologer who interprets it, to read out from the chart, the circumstances under which one is placed, his normal expectations, whether one will make attempts to hoodwink destiny and ultimately the nature of the result and the time of event. It is only when the knowledge

of astrology gained by one is limited and the interpreter is not fully aware of Karma theory, he gives, importance to self-will and offers advice; he later understands that the native followed his suggestions and ultimately he enjoyed desirable results. He attributes all these to self-will. But he does not realise that what he predicted was incomplete. He has not properly under-stood the present, the circumstances under which one will be placed, what attempts one will make to alter it by exercising one's will and the ultimate result. Actually everything is found in the horoscope. Attributing to self-will is nothing but attachment of importance to one's will and one's own self. Astrology clearly shows that man is postulated as the subject of a certain destiny and human endeavour as the fulfilling of fate.

It may be said, more as a compromise, that man is both a slave of the effects of his past deeds and is a free agent as regards his deeds which are in no way directed to thwart, arrest, alter or in any way modify or remould the effects of his past Karma. The past, the present and the future are all recorded as explained previously in the cine film. The stars and the planets in their course denote our destinies, not only those fulfilled in the past but also those lying stored up for us in the future.

FATE-INEVITABLE

Able astrologers who have specialised in any branch of the science can boldly declare an event without any doubt and can go to the extent of taking a challenge that a particular result must happen, mentioning also the time of the event. The following few remarkable example wills convince the readers.

- i. King Vikramathithya had many astrologers in his court. Of them, Mihira was an intellectual giant and the most renowned. He was admired and held in great reverence, not only by Vikramathithya but also by his colleagues and the general public. The King had a son. Mihira cast the horoscope of the Prince. Other astrologers also prepared the boy's horoscope using different systems of calculation Nirayana, Drik

Ganitha, etc. Kalidas and Vararuchi were in favour of the author of Panchasiddhantika and hence followed Siddhanta or Nirayana.

Whichever system others followed, all of them gave their opinion that the Prince would have an anxious time at the age of 18. On the nature of the danger and the cause of death of the Prince, they were not unanimous. Others were of the opinion that his Prince might lose his life due to the injuries inflicted by an animal while hunting. But the most learned and wise Varahamihira who enjoyed the blessing of Lord Adhitya, and had Divya Drishti and Vaksiddhi predicted clearly and boldly that the prince would be killed by a Varaha, i.e., a boar at a particular hour on a particular date.

He also said that no human remedies could avert the danger and save him from the jaws of death and that this unpleasant incident could not be altered. He said *"AVASYAM ANUBOKTHAVYAM KRITHAM KARMA SUBHASUBHAM"*, that the Prince could not survive even if all precautions were taken.

Years passed. The Prince was maintaining robust health. His surroundings were well guarded even some months prior to the eventful day. On the morning of the fateful day, the King held a Durbar. A huge crowd was anxiously awaiting. The king requested Varahamihira to verify his calculations and confirm whether the fateful hour would be the same 5.00 p.m. on that day as predicted previously. All had their own

doubts, because every precaution was taken by the King. No wild boar or wild animal could have any chance of gaining access to the Prince's place which was very well protected by a huge army of vigilant warriors. The Prince was asked to take his seat in the seventh floor, and all the staircases were fully guarded. The King was confident that his son was safe. So he asked Varahamihira how could his son die from injuries, inflicted by a boar, when none would be allowed into the palace and especially when no animal could enter at all. He again requested him to reconsider deeply about his original prediction. The King also declared that he would award the Emblem of the Royal Title "Varaha" to Mihira, if the prediction would prove to be true because the King wanted to honour this science.

Some minutes passed Absolute silence prevailed. The whole crowd was eagerly observing Mihira to hear his verdict.

Varahamihira said that he was devoted to Sun God and he is blessed with Vak Siddhi. No mistakes could be committed. Death from the injuries inflicted by a boar was predicted from the Prince's horoscope without any shadow of doubt. That was the penalty announced by the planets in the chart according to Karma done by the Prince in his previous birth. He repeated that the results of the past cruel Karma speak out through the planetary position at the time of birth.

Therefore one should be prepared for the worst in spite of all possible efforts made to hoodwink Destiny.

People, who gathered there, were confident that nothing could happen in such a strictly guarded palace.

At frequent intervals a warrior was asked to give information about the Prince's health. Reports that he was hale and healthy were received all right regularly. At 5 p.m. one warrior reported that the Prince was all right and the place was peaceful. Sometime later another soldier brought the same news. But Varahamihira did not agree. He calmly said to the King that the Prince had died at the stipulated time and it would be advisable if they would verify. The King kept quiet. Another soldier, after some time, came to the assembly and told that the place was calm and there was no disturbance at all.

The King began to doubt the prediction, and again said to Mihira whether there could be any mistake in his calculation. Mihira reiterated that he was dead at the moment he predicted. He further mentioned boldly that the Prince was lying dead in a pool of blood; probably the watchmen and the companions might not have noticed it. He suggested and persuaded the King to go and see for himself. The King with some important officers went up the stairs, one after another. The King reached the 7th floor. The companions of the Prince were deeply absorbed in playing games and did not notice the arrival of the King. On enquiry the King understood that the Prince had been playing with them all along and that only a little while ago, he had gone out to the adjacent open terrace.

All quickly stepped into the open terrace. Oh God! What a horror! To their great grief, the Prince was lying dead in a pool of blood. They found that his body was injured by the iron claw of an artificial boar. Thus God's will, according to the Karma of the Prince, fructified, as indicated by the planets, without being averted by the efforts of the King and his subjects. Therefore all events in our life are actually beyond our control and we have to submit ourselves quietly and suffer the consequences of our previous Karma.

[When the place was constructed, the architect erected a flag staff and fixed an artificial boar made of iron and mortar at the top of the palace even as all the towers in his kingdom had this Royal Emblem. To none, it struck that this artificial Boar might be the cause of the death.]

The Prince Just before 5-00 p.m. felt uneasy. He went to the open terrace to have fresh air. Exactly at 5-00 p.m. a strong wind broke the post into two and the Boar fell down. It fell straight on the chest of the Prince. the injury was so deep that the terrible loss of blood resulted in his immediate collapse.]

The prediction of the Soothsayer given to Julius Caesar warning him that on 15th March there was danger to his life as Ides of March were there, proved to be correct. Julius Caesar by staying at home could have avoided it. But this evil incident, which is to happen, induced Brutus to persuade Caesar and take him to the Senate. God gave one more chance

to Caesar to pay respect to the prediction. On the way, Caesar again met the Soothsayer who previously predicted the danger. Caesar said to him. "Ides of March are come," i.e., 15th March was on and the prediction did not come true. The Soothsayer calmly, and with confidence replied "Ay! Caesar, but not gone", i.e., 15th March was not yet over. Actually in a few hours, Ceasar was killed by Brutus and the end of Caesar could not be prevented by anybody's will or action; stars give correct indication to correct the non-believers.

*"Whosoever may be adopted to any
Particular event or pursuit will
Assuredly have the Star indicative
There of very potent in his nativity"* - **Ptolemy**

- iii. The Emperor Pareekshit went to the forest and was tired after hunting. He was feeling very thirsty. He got into Angiresch Rishi's ashramam. He was not honoured and attended to immediately by the Sage. He lost his temper. He took the dead skin of a snake, kept it round the neck of the Rishi and returned home. This was found out by the Rishi's son a little later. The boy cursed-rather predicted-that the person who committed this folly would die on the seventh day by snake bite. The King came to know of this curse. He tried to avoid it. Prayers to Lord Krishna, spending all the hours of the day by hearing Bagavatham

alone, shifting his place of residence and taking all care, could not help him to out-live the time predicted. Dakshan, the King of the Snakes, bit him and thus ended the life of the Emperor Paræekshit as told by the son of the sage.

Here is an explanation for the astrological principle that, when ever Saturn and Kethu conjoin, there is evil. (Saturn, stands for "Mouni" or Rishi, and Kethu stands for the Poisonous snake.)

This example is given to show that even after knowing the nature and time of the event, however mighty one may be, could not alter it.

*"Whatever betides, by Destiny it is done:
And better bear like men than vainly seek
to shun".*

Dryden

One may try to commit suicide: yet he will survive if this end is not indicated by his birth chart. One person was very unfortunate. He married an arrogant, adamant and atrocious wife. She was always argumentative, aggressive and avaricious. He found it impossible to get on with her. He decided to commit suicide. He went to the sea to end his life. He was a good swimmer. He thought that when he was about to be drowned, the waves might carry him to the shore or he himself would swim and save his life.

He walked along the beach. He found a big tree very near the sea, in an unfrequented place. He took a long rope, climbed up the tree and tied the rope to the branch which was overhanging the sea. While making a loop at the other end, he thought that he would suffer much when the rope would throttle his neck. So, he came home, took some intoxicating drug to deaden the pain. Again, a doubt arose whether he would die or survive. He became bold, took a revolver, loaded it and walked straight to the tree. He adjusted the rope, put on the loop, gave a kick to the branch of the tree and straight down he fell. While falling, he fired; because of the jerk he missed the aim. The bullet, instead of hitting his forehead, severed the rope. He plunged into the sea and went so deep that he swallowed a few mouthfuls of the brackish sea water which brought out the intoxicating poison. He swam the sea, came to the shore and became wiser than before. Look! He tried to hang himself, get drowned in the sea, poisoned himself to die and also used his revolver. What happened? He escaped from all these methods of committing suicide. Why? Because, he has to live in this world until his end comes according to Prabdhā, i.e., Destiny.

There is catalogue of recent instance predicted accurately by me. A few of them are given for the present:

- (a) Luck
- (b) Longevity
- (c) Accident

(d) Marriage

(e) Incapability to go against destiny.

1) I predicted that a high official would gain on 8.5.1955 a lump sum for a very small stake in races. The native never used to go to the races. He was well off, highly placed, and never speculative. At the time when prediction was offered, I had my own doubts whether the gains without pains would be only through races because the native does not go to races. Yet on 8.5.1955, the officer was persuaded by his friend who had no knowledge about this prediction and was taken by him. The officer was witnessing and enjoying the races all the time. He who took him, without informing the officer, purchased a few sweep tickets and gave one to the officer who reluctantly accepted it and paid its value Rs.2/-. The event was over. Can you guess what happened ? He who purchased the ticket did not gain. But this officer got the first prize of Rs. 4,200.

2) A well-known Physician of Madras was ill and the medical experts who attended on him on 6.2.58 gave up hopes. He was very bad then. They all expected his end at any moment. His sons in their anxiety consulted me. I gave in writing that upto 26.6.58 their father would be having indifferent health in May 1958 his health would be normal and there would be a happy celebration in the family; only on 26.6.58 he would pass away. It will be surprising for the readers to note that every one of these predictions came out very true.

3) To a Doctor in Saidapet, it was predicted in 1950 that on 19.12.1953 he would meet with an accident and that he would not escape it. On the 19th, he did not go to his consulting hall. He avoided driving his car; He sat comfortably in his easy chair at home and was absorbed in reading a medical magazine. Meanwhile his daughter crawled and went under a cow, in between her four legs. The Doctor, by chance, noticed it, got alarmed and suddenly got up. The floor slipped and he fell down breaking his left arm. There was the fracture on 19.12.1953.

"It is the Stars the stars above us.

Govern our conditions"

Shakespeare

4) A high official wanted to celebrate the marriage of his son with a bride in Madras, though many brides parties had approached him. I selected the chart of a bride in Bangalore and said.

"This Bangalore bride will be your daughter-in-law and not the one in Madras, though you have decided to have the Madras bride."

He emphatically said "No, No, No! I am sure, your prediction will fail. Tomorrow the people from Madras are coming to my house for betrothal."

"Dear sir, an ordinary layman's word may fail: but this is

astrological finding. It cannot go in vain. It is certain that, even if Thirunethran were to bless you all, you cannot have the Madras bride as your daughter-in-law."

The next day dawned. the stipulated time was fast approaching; they were eagerly awaiting the party's arrival. The time fixed had come. Every minute appeared to be an hour. The Muhurtha time had passed.

My words were ringing in his ears. He became restless. He was speculating. But my friend who was also there told that he was sure that the bride's party would not turn up; for he had so much faith in me and in the Science. The officer decided to ascertain this, and he phoned. He was informed by a third party that there was a calamity in the bride's house and taking it as an ill omen, they decided not to proceed further in the matter.

The same day, the officer came to my residence and said that one part of the prediction had come true while the other remained to be tested. Days passed on and as already predicted, his son got married in that particular week, to the beautiful Bangalore bride.

Astrology offers astounding predictions. Laymen need not be disappointed by the unexpected events if one's destiny is already known; he can take it easy, be calm, and lead a peaceful life.

5) Here is an instance where a rich, strong-willed businessman miserably failed to maintain his word.

On 10th July, 1958 I was consulted by a business man in Madras in regard to his illness. It was classified as a complicated disease by the medical experts after a careful clinical examination. It was predicted that he would be in bed till 20th of the month, i.e., for another 10 days, though his temperature would come down to normal on 16th and that he could attend to his business on and from 28th.

Actually his temperature came to normal on 6th and he was picking up health. On the 27th, he invited me and said: "The prediction as regards my ailment has come true. In spite of expert treatment, the high temperature has persisted. It was in the hands of Karma. So I had to suffer. I suffered. But mind you! I have decided on not going to my office today and attending into my business is entirely in my hands. You say that everything is destiny I can shape my destiny here, by exercising my will"

The eventful day came. It was passing on. At 2-00 p.m. from his office there was an urgent call to the businessman asking him to come to office at once. He had to go. He did go to his office at 3-00 p.m. that day. He could not avoid going as the matter was beneficial and also serious.

Immediately he phoned to me and said, "Hats off Astrology has won; I am now phoning from my office."

That, even in such minor affairs, one cannot exercise his will and change the destiny, is proved beyond doubt.

6) I was giving a lecture in Bharateeya Vidya Bhavan, Delhi, at 6 p.m. on a Thursday in September 1962. One gentleman came to me and interrupted in the middle, saying "Sir, a week ago, I lost a purse containing Rs.827- in the Bazaar street. I consulted a few; all were of opinion that it was lost once for all-May I know whether I can get it back or is it total loss to me?"

I asked for a number, explained it to the students and said:-

"Sir, you will be getting it intact next Wednesday. It has been picked up by a Banker or an Advocate or a Professor.

The next wednesday, the gentleman got back his purse as predicted, bought sweets and distributed the same to the students. He said, "Sir, your prediction is wonderful. A professor had found it and handed it over to me intact only today, Wednesday."

As I am not writing to folio, I shall content myself with the above examples where I have made it clear that Destiny is unalterable and astrological predictions correctly presaged must come true.

Can any one offer any other explanation for the following except that all were due to their stars, otherwise called "Fate". "Destiny" or "Karma?"

(1) Rama to go to forest, to fight with Ravana and then only have his coronation, attended by Hanuman.

(2) Dharmaputhra to lose even Droupathi in the games and she to be put to shame, etc.

(3) Nalan to play games, bet, lose everything, go to forest, desert his wife Damayanthi, that too, at dead of night and serve as a cook.

(4) Pattinathar, a sage, who relinquished all his wealth, etc., and came out to spend a strict spiritual life, was wrongly accused of theft and taken to the gallows.

If we judge without any prejudice from what Pattinathar and others had empathically said we find the unshakable truth:

"Oh ! Lord ! Nothing is in my hands, all happen according to your decree. In this birth, to the best of my knowledge, I have not even dreamt of any evil to anybody not committed any sin at all. Even then, if I am punished now, for no fault of mine, I realise and declare that this is only due to the Karma I might have done in the previous birth."

Therefore Natal astrology is one of the branches of this Science which proves beyond doubt that the results we enjoy, experience, or hear are all due to our previous Karma.

SHANTI TO WARD OF EVIL

Astrology is the Science which explains the law of nature. It is entirely based on the Karma and Reincarnation theory. At the same time, it supports and opposite *Newton's third law of motion that every action has an equal a reaction*. It proves that no action will go to waste and also nothing can happen without a cause. That is why astrology is considered to be a convincing science. Accurate results predicted by an able astrologer will surely come to pass whether one does Shanti or not. In all cases, Shanti cannot offer complete protection from evils. It does not give guarantee to all.

Those who believe in Shanti may ask, "if one can't modify or nullify the evil by doing Shanti, why have the sages prescribed varieties of Shanties to ward off evil? If every action has to produce a reaction or cause an effect, then how can Shanti performed go in vain without removing the evil? Hindus perform Pujas and Homas, pray to Gods and Planets, construct chowtries and hospitals, feed the poor and the disabled, do charity and assist the needy, etc. Cannot these virtuous deeds mitigate the affliction? In other countries though they do not perform homa, etc., yet they do charity or help the fellow beings and animals without having faith or expecting any beneficial result in overcoming difficulties. Even then whether they have faith or not, whether they do it with a set purpose or not should not such casual

or continuous meritorious action help such persons to get rid of evil?"

Astrology says that Destiny cannot be altered. What is meant by Destiny is not generally properly understood by non-astrologers. Karma is that which is already done in the previous birth. Destiny includes all actions done in that birth and the results which one is to enjoy. One's Destiny may force him to do Shanti and give complete protection by removing the anticipated evil or only to an insignificant extent or it may prevent one from performing any Shanti at all. Destiny ultimately gives the result which one has surely to experience, without any alteration. The people have to submit to fate, otherwise termed Destiny.

Therefore people may be classified into four groups. One group will be those who do Shanti and enjoy the results desired by them and may attribute to benefit to the Shanti; the other group will do Shanti, yet suffer, without any appreciable redemption and say that however much they offered Shanti, it did no good. The third group will neither do Shanti nor believe in it. They live happily, roll in wealth, have success after success and enjoy enviable results. The fourth group never does Shanti, but it ever suffers.

The circumstances under which one is placed, one's natural expectations and normal anticipation, one's performing Shanti either out of fear or for favour and the ultimate results are all due to one's previous Karma. All these can be read

from one horoscope and it is possible for the astrologer to estimate the seriousness of the Karma. Have we not seen in "Nadis" written by the sages that advices are offered to do various Shantis depending on one's past action?

Karma can be divided broadly into three kinds "DHRUDA KARMA", "DHRUDA ADHRUDA KARMA" and "ADHRUDA KARMA".

By Dhruda Karma, it is meant, that one has committed an inexcusable mistake or crime in the previous birth, like murder, denying food and shelter to the invalid old parents, cheating the minor brothers during partition, denying the wages to the poor class of helpless servants, cheating, ingratitude, etc. Such malefactors, ungrateful children, dishonest brothers, mighty masters and cheats may do any amount of Shanti. They cannot ward off the malefic results to the desired extent as the crime is serious and unpardoned though to a negligible extent, it will be reduced, as no action will go to waste and every action has its own result. But the same Shanti, done by people who have committed pardonable mistakes, mitigates the affliction in full and leaves them unscathed. Suppose "A" has borrowed Rs.56,000 and "B" has taken only Rupees one hundred as loan. "A" repays rupees one hundred. "B" also repays one hundred. "A" has yet to suffer as the loan cleared is negligible and the burden is yet more or less the same. But "B" is care-free and regains peace of mind. Therefore, such Dhruda Karma people have to accept the punishment, undergo the trial and patiently

endure the penalty. In Such cases, *"Avasyam Anubokthavyam Krishna Karma Subhasubham"* will apply. Whether they pray to God or they perform any Shanti, they should reap the consequences of the previous Karma with practically no appreciable modification because of the Shanti done.

(God is all merciful; yet He is all attentive to his Duty in administering justice. He is fully aware of the Karma which one has done in the previous birth, the Shanti or virtuous deed one will do in this birth and His impartial judgement is the result which one will enjoy. God knows what Shanti one will do, how far it would mitigate and What the result would be.)

In the horoscopes of those who have done Dhruda Karma, the Dasanatha, the Bhukthinatha, Lagna and Moon will be devoid of the beneficial aspect from Jupiter and from the lord of the 9th house who indicates the virtuous deed done in the previous birth.

Dhruda Adhruda Karma means that one would have committed excusable mistake in the previous birth. It is Just like an ignorant person having purchased a ticket to Bombay getting into Calcutta Mail. The Inspector finds out the mistake and points it to him. The passenger pleads ignorance and prays for excuse. The examiner leaves him without any punishment. Such Person's horoscopes, either the Lagna or Moon or Dasa. In natha or Bhukthinatha will receive favourable aspects from either Jupiter or Lord of 9 or both.

Here the crime committed is so simple that he can be excused on his humble application.

A constable can excuse a driver for having driven a car on the wrong side if he given satisfactory explanation like skidding or puncture, etc., especially when there is neither traffic nor accident. But the same constable cannot excuse the driver, if the car runs over a boy. Hence excuse or no excuse depends on the seriousness of the crime.

The third one is Adhruda Karma. The crime committed may be negligible. It might have ended only in evil thought. Suppose a young boy finds a fruit-bearing tree in a house overhanging on the road side and goes near it and like a vulture is moving there alone with a desire to have the fruit. The owner notes the boy and whistles. The boy understands that the owner is watching him and so he retraces his steps honourably. He does not remove the fruit. The boy had only the evil thought but he did not commit theft. Such ones may be classified as Adhruda Karma. In such a person's horoscope, Guru or Lord of 9 will be in the Lagna or conjoined with Moon or Dasantha of Bhukthinatha. Such people will enjoy life though they do not perform any Shanti, nor pray nor donate for a good cause in this birth. One should not forget that Karma of the previous birth and Shanti or no Shanti in this birth result in the final destiny which is the impartial judgement of God, which was already, once for all, decided at the time of birth. This is called as "that which is written on the head" (Thalai Ezhuththu). This can be read

from the horoscope. God writes on the head only once. He does not alter now and then as and when the Shanthi is done. Nor can the birth time be changed. The horoscope will ever remain the same. Hence the results indicated must come to pass. We know that doing or not doing Shanthi is also indicated in the horoscope. The variety of Shanthi which one may be advised to do depends upon the Planets which rule his time and also the nature of the results which the native desires to have.

In a lady's chart, Rahu and Saturn are in the fifth house and both are in the Constellation of Lord of 6. The native was married in Mercury (Budha Dasa), Jupiter Bhukti Guru sub-period. Saturn Bhukti followed. Years passed. It did not give her the pleasure of having a child. Kethu Dasa followed. Every fourth week disappointed her and her husband. the couple became anxious. They approached an astrologer who said that, in her chart, Jupiter was conjoined with Kethu in 11 while Sani and Rahu were in 5. So he advised that, if they do Santhi, they would surely have a child during Kethu Dasa, Guru Bhukti in Moolam Star. As per his advice, they visited Benaras, then Rameswaram, and finally Guruvayur Krishna, at the time when Guru Bhukti just started. They also did some charity. They had a child born before her Kethu Dasa Guru Bhukti ended. (Here the chart denotes the Lord of Lagna is Jupiter who is conjoined with Dasanatha Kethu. That she will take the advice and do shanthi is clearly shown. Guru in 11 promises progeny. So she had a child during

Guru's period. The child was born in Moolam Star which is governed by Kethu, in Jupiter's sign Sagittarius).

It may be asked, if she had not gone to those holy places, could she have had the child. The astrologer will say, that she will have a child whether she works off the evil by such pilgrimage or not and also that she will visit, to wipe off the malefic effects and receive the blessing of God in the shape of a boy whether astrologer advises or not. Both are her fate.

(It is my finding that the sub and constellation in which moon will be transiting at the time of the birth of the child will be governed by the dasanatha and Bhuktinatha or the lords of the constellation in which they were found in the parent's charts).

Two friends A and B request an astrologer to suggest some remedy (i.e., Shanthi) as they were suffering from eye trouble. The astrologer found that in A's birth chart, the evil period was coming to an end whereas in B's chart the future was becoming worse. He suggested to them that "Surya Namaskaram" would be effective. He also added that A would have the benefit, whereas B could not expect any improvement. Both decided to do Shanthi. 'A' found all favourable conditions for him to do it satisfactorily and enjoyed beneficial results. 'B' had many obstacles and impediments even to perform "Suryanamaskaram". With all that, he managed to do the Shanthi. Yet unfortunately, he had no improvement.

Thus it can be shown that it is possible for an astrologer to say whether one can have the chances to do offerings to God and whether one will have the advantage of such an action or not, by reading the horoscopes and ascertaining what variety of Karma he ought to have done in the previous birth and also the seriousness of the Karma.

Shanthi is of two kinds. One is Thrishta Shanthi and the other is Athrishta Shanthi. By Thrishta Shanthi is meant that one knows what Shanthi he should do and that he is aware of the results of such a remedial measure.

If one suffers from headache and takes Aspro or Saridon or Anacin or Codopyrin he knows that these are specifics for headache and he gets the relief. A few, even after taking the specific may continue to suffer which is also their fate. Here the native is aware of his taking the medicine and also its curing effect. This is Thrishta Shanthi.

Athrishta means that which one can't see with naked eyes and non-astrological eyes. Athrishta-shanthi brings results without the knowledge of the person. Nor can the person judge the nature of favourable result he may enjoy and also whether Athrishta Shanthi includes homa, prayers, pilgrimage, construction of hospitals, maternity home, schools, choultries, feeding the poor, donating blood, of fasting on Somavaram days, but the nature of the beneficial result which he may enjoy is not known. That is why it is called Athrishta.

Thus it will be seen that astrology can show what Karma one should have done in the previous birth, whether one will do Shanthi or not in this life, and the ultimate results one is to enjoy. It is also-known that every action will have its reaction, i.e., good actions yield desirable results, whereas bad actions bring evil to the native.

As doing Shanthi is always considered to be a virtue and therefore it has necessarily to bring favourable results to the doer, it is advisable that one either prays God or does Homa or contributes for a good cause.

The number of people who commit inexcusable crimes like murder amounting to Dhruda Karma will be very few. The number of people who do not commit any crime at all but occasionally think of evil, known as Adhruda Karma, will be still fewer. Both form a very small minority. But the majority of people commit excusable mistakes called Dhruda Adhruda Karma. Therefore Shanti will be done by them with or without their knowledge and they will not ultimately suffer. As a layman may not know which variety of Karma he could have done in the previous birth, he will assume that he is one among many and that the performance of Shanthi will give him solace and peace of mind and ward off suspense which is highly painful. He can entertain hopes and it gives mental solace.

Shanthi may be compared to taking prophylactic vaccine against cholera, or typhoid, or having revaccination against

small pox. Such a preventive measure gives confidence and immunity. One can visit the infected areas with courage and mix with such patients though it may not guarantee that all those who had taken preventive measures will never suffer. Even if one contracts the disease, the attack will be very mild.

If one does not perform Shanthi or any virtuous deed one can't be confident about his happiness in the future. There will be the doubt whether it will be peaceful or miserable. A few may live happily. But many will suffer from untold miseries.

One attends to minor repairs to his car before starting out and drives it with confidence. Two other people drive without testing it. One car returns safely and other car breaks down. Is it not advisable to have the car examined by the expert, have the minor repairs attended to, and then alone drive? Just as the repairs can give confidence to the driver about the peaceful nature of the journey, even so the performance of Shanthi will be hopeful to relieve one from worries and give mental strength during the period of suspense.

Astrology indicates who will do Shanthi and attribute the reduction of the evil result to Shanti alone. The person may be ignorant of the fact that his fate was that he should do Shanthi and he unnecessarily expected a more serious trouble, whereas only a mild one was his fate.

Astrology advises all to be good, to do Shanthi in any form and enjoy life with absolute peace of mind.

BRANCHES OF ASTROLOGY

The various branches of astrology are:

- a) Medical astrology or astro-pathology;
- b) Astro meteorology;
- c) Mundane astrology or Judicial astrology;
- d) Natal astrology;
- e) Horary astrology;
- f) Electional astrology;
- g) Kabala astrology;
- h) Kerala astrology;
- i) Omens

a.MEDICAL ASTROLOGY

Health is wealth. Money can make things when one desires and acts; but God can offer everything whether one wants it or not, according to one's Karma done in the previous birth. God may bless one with money, but at the same time the native may have to suffer any one of the incurable, chronic and loathsome diseases according to his destiny. Hence the greatest problem which is to be faced by human beings is the maintenance of good health. To have immunity and resistance against infectious diseases, and a certain cure for the disease from which one suffers, one consults the medical expert. Astrologers opine that a physician can safely administer medicine if he is acquainted with astrology. This means that, in the absence of astrological knowledge to start with, the doctor has often to proceed only by trial and error methods and apply remedies by rule of thumb till he had eliminated many diseases, by varied examinations and ascertained the precise nature and cause of the disease. But if he were to know astrology, he can locate the part of the body affected, detect the disease and select the opportune time for treatment. This will bring good name, fame and satisfactory remuneration to the doctor and also restore the patient to normal health; otherwise, the patient will have to become a guinea-pig for experimental tortures. This will result in loss of time and often in loss of life; it will end in loss to the nation also. But if a doctor knows astrology and medicine sufficiently well, he will prove to be a really suc-

cessful practitioner. Hippocrates, renowned as the "Father of Medicine", has stated "A physician cannot safely administer medicine if he is not acquainted with astrology". Medical astrology is concerned with the diagnosis of diseases, the methods of healing, the time of the onset of the ailment, the duration of the disease and the psychiatric aspects that may influence the progress and prognosis of the diseases.

Fortunately for the public in America, there are many physicians and surgeons who have learnt astrology and make use of this knowledge with pleasant, successful and gratifying results. There are astrological schools in U.S.A. and Europe with medical astrology as one of the subjects. They consider this as a very important branch of astrology which needs the combination of an astrologer and a physician who will enjoy success in his life. He can choose an auspicious time to begin treatment, to mix, dispense and administer medicine, to do operation, to discharge from the nursing home, etc. After he has thoroughly studied astrology, he will feel very happy when he is capable of differentiating the pulmonary affection of a patient. He can say whether one suffers from cold and cough or dry cough or from Eosinophilia or Asthma or T.B. or Pleurisy or Bronchitis or Pneumonia, etc. It is easy to predict whether one suffers from mumps, or measles, or chicken pox or small-pox. It is not difficult to say whether one has only menstrual trouble or must have the uterus removed or the suffering is due to

fibroid tumour or cancer. Such a good knowledge of astrology would be a great asset to him. Further, by finding out when and where an epidemic may range, the Institutes of Preventive Medicine can manufacture prophylactic vaccines and the Public Health Department can educate the public and carry on mass inoculation; exercise extra care on proper sterilisation and supply of wholesome water; do away with wells not in use and also take other precautionary measures if it is a water-borne disease. There need not be so much rush to hospitals; beds will be available without difficulty. There will be no necessity to extend the hospital and increase the beds; also to experience the death of doctors and nurses. A wise astrologer, in his own way, may consider that he is superior in intellect to a medical in quickly diagnosing the nature of the disease; the duration of illness in quickly diagnosing the nature of the disease; the duration of ill-health and the final result. If one is found in the street unconscious, a medical attendant is to smell the mouth, to know whether the patient is drunk, to feel the belly to ascertain whether it is food poisoning, or to record his temperature to find out whether it would be a sun-stroke, or guess whether it could be due to exhaustion after much exertion, or guess whether it is due to hysteria, epilepsy, etc. He guesses to start with, and tries to do good to the patient by administering a medicine. But an astrologer remaining in a place, many miles away, even without seeing the patient, by phone, can mention the cause of his unconsciousness which will be found surprisingly true and later confirmed by the doctor attending on him.

Astrology is such a wonderful science which, when practised properly, gives good health, reduces medical bill, increases longevity and minimises mortality. One when such good is to be enjoyed by the people, the world will produce wise astrologers.

Now, one may ask, "How will it be possible for one to avoid disease, if he is destined to suffer?" I do agree. But at the time when medical astrology will be introduced in medical colleges and all will become wise Astrologers as well as Physicians, the sufferings will naturally get reduced. Such a day will surely come. It is coming.

Now the era is fast approaching - the dawn of the Aquarian age. Aquarius is ruled by Uranus. This produces supremely intelligent and wise astrologers with intuition and introspection to offer amazing predictions. Aquarius is the best sign for grand success in research, especially in the useful branches of science as it produces good reasoners, both theoretical as well as practical with radical and advanced ideas and with good mentality.

The Aquarian age has not yet started. It is fast approaching. The vernal equinox is now at 6° 44', of Nirayana Piles (Meena). So it is in Uthara Pathrapada star. Hence Jupiter's beneficial aspects are waning, while the aspects of Saturn and Mercury are becoming more and more prominent.

We are aware that in India early marriage was in vogue till

1930 and thereafter, it has been declared a crime, as the age limit of the couple for marriage has been raised by legislation. It is plain to a non-astrologer that the Government is responsible for this. But ask an astrologer. "Is it because of the Government's initiative the age limit is raised?" "No", will be his emphatic reply. He will add that as time passes, according to the fate of the subjects in a nation, as indicated by the age of the world, the mind of the authorities will get so changed that they would decide and act in a manner indicated by Planets which can be read with a knowledge of astrology. They may attribute this as though they have done it, without realising that it is the unknown force (due to the effect of the fate of the future subjects) which made them do so. With the knowledge of astrology much of the unknown will become known, the mysterious will become plain and correct light will be shed. Aquarius (Kumbha) according to Hindu sages, is governed by Saturn. Pisces (Meena) is ruled by Jupiter (Guru). It is a common question put by the parents to the astrologers "When do you find Guru Balam (i.e., beneficial effects of Jupiter) to my daughter or boy to celebrate marriage. By that, one can understand that we believe in the beneficial (Jupiter) Guru's strength to have the marriage arranged by parents and celebrated in youth or at least immediately after one attains the age of maturity. As the Sayana Aries (Mesha) Q. in the 20th century coincides with the commencement of the second pada or quarter of Uthrapathrapada or Utharattadhi Nakshathra (Star) ruled by Sani and the sub by Sukra (Venus), the age limit has to

be raised. Further malefic Sani (called a tempter) shows delay, crosses, disharmony, disappointment and divorce; also secret pleasant activities by a few or increase in the number of inter- caste marriage by throwing away the tradition, are all due to this astrological fact' based on the astronomical phenomena.

It is evident that Venus (Sukra) has improved all the domain and Jupiter is losing strength.

Venus is the chief governor for Music. In olden days, to hear one good musician was once in a blue moon, a rare occurrence, whereas now we have television, transistors, radio, gramophone, tape- recorders, cinema, drama and what not. Many music colleges have been opened which have produced a larger number of good musicians night and day in every nook and corner of the world; even when we sail or travel, we hear music relayed from all over the world in various languages.

Venus is the Karaka for Vahana and transport. Let us consider how many kinds of conveyances our forefathers had. Are we not enjoying the benefits of cycles, motor cycles, scooters, cars, lorries, steamers, aeroplanes, helicopters, etc., thereby covering long distances in a very short time.

Venus is the chief ruler of ladies. Was there any association or club for them in ancient days? Was it not rare to see ladies in colleges, lady doctors in hospitals and lady officials in

offices? We have heard of Queens alone. Now, how advanced ladies are, having co-education and working alongside men in offices !

Thus it will be seen that all changes that we observe are in accordance with the Great age of the Earth.

Therefore, it is certain that at the time when actually the Aquarian age runs, i.e., in about 475 years, astrology will regain popularity and this knowledge will be used to the utmost advantage of the people. It is not unlikely that the people attribute the advantages to astrology. But, actually the Aquarian age will reduce the number of patients and produce many wise astrologers and physicians with correct intuition. As Aquarius opposes Leo, most of the deaths will be sudden, due to heart failure, only at the age indicated in the chart. As Leo represents heart, Aquarian age decreases the number of deaths due to prolonged and lingering diseases and increases sudden, and pleasant end.

Thus, when medical astrology finds general support and every medical expert is also a wise astrologer, we can take it for granted that the Aquarian age has commenced and diseases will be kept under control and a few hospitals will be converted as Hostels for students of astrology.

b. ASTRO-METEOROLOGY

Astro-Meteorology is useful for predicting the conditions of the weather. This has received considerable attention in other countries where they have found it to be very useful. It assists in pre-planning and thereby preventing any catastrophe which may otherwise befall, such as heavy rains, causing floods and breaches, or drought leading to poor crops, famine, polluted water and epidemic.

No useful purpose will be served by complaining against anybody or criticising any department. One can observe daily the weather reports given by meteorologists. None can claim that they are hundred per cent correct. One should admit the limitations and one is to recollect the proverb "to err is human". "Sudden changes of weather, unexpected depression in the bay, storm etc. are divine." Meteorologists cannot give years or months or weeks in advance, when and where one can expect breaches due to downpour of rain. Nor can they say in which year there will be no rain so that intermittently restricted quantity of water may be supplied, commencing fairly early to avert the drought. But astrology can give a correct picture, years in advance, provided some more research is carried out by the intelligent, able and learned astrologers.

This branch of science is becoming popular in other countries. It has been developed to a marvellous degree of

accuracy by a number of research workers. It has no connection whatsoever with the common almanacs published by the Government Weather Bureau. One of the greatest of astrologers. Llewellyn George says, "It is only a matter of time, however, when nations generally will recognize this information and include it in their present calculations, thus making their system more practical, serviceable and efficient." Indeed, this branch will benefit the Government, the Agriculturists and the Engineer to a great extent.

c. JUDICIAL ASTROLOGY

Judicial Astrology is a branch of this science which gives knowledge to predict important events which a country will pass through: i.e., wars, earthquakes, financial improvement or crisis, losses by fire, floods, famine, etc., can be foreshadowed. At present, Judicial Astrology is not complete and exhaustive; it may be said that it is yet in a preliminary stage. It has to be developed to a very great extent to offer useful predictions, when alone the public can take advantage of such clear and definite forecast.

With the knowledge that one can gain with the present literature it is impossible to predict exactly in which quarter a particular trouble or calamity can be expected, by whom, why and when? But it will be vague. An astrologer cannot

but mention many alternatives. That is why a few make sad confusions while predicting. The rules are too intricate to admit of clear definition and too contradictory to be easily and perspicuously reconciled.

Even sign indicates many countries, and many towns. The whole world has 5 continents each of which has many countries. Innumerable cities, and just like stars, countless villages. The localities are many. But the signs are only, twelve. So all these are to be indicated by these twelve signs only, i.e., let us imagine that letters are written and posted to people in each town in various countries in the world. The postal department has only twelve bags called Aries (Mesha) Taurus (Rishaba) Gemini (Mithuna) and so on, upto Pisces (Meena). So they have to sort suitably letters to all these localities in these 12 bags only. Each bag will be filled with many letters to various places. Similarly, all these towns and countries are to be distributed among these twelve signs, and each sign, therefore, has to indicate many localities, e.g., Aries (Mesha) denotes Burgundy, England, Denmark, Germany, Palestine, Syria, etc., and many towns. If Aries is afflicted, normally, what is it that one can predict. Any or many of these places will have some trouble or other with many alternatives mentioned. None can predict precisely the exact place and the particular nature of trouble that one can expect and when, except to guess or to give confusing or vague predictions. Clear and definite predictions alone will be of immense use.

Generally, the tendency and ambition of an astrologer is to make attempts to predict events in every branch of astrology. The ambition will be achieved and it will prove to be beneficial if one specializes in any one branch and gains some knowledge in the other branches also. Then alone one will be able to offer clear and correct predictions of which the Government and the public can take advantage.

Let us take medicine; medical expert specialise in any one branch and contribute their mite; some specialise in optical surgery; some in E.N.T. some in pulmonary diseases; some cardiac; some leprosy; some osseous system; some nervous system; some circulatory and so on. Why? Because they have realised the fact that it is difficult to master every branch by one and the same person in one's life-time. Trying to master everything, they may not know anything useful to the patient.

Similarly, let us consider Engineering. How many branches there are: e.g., mechanical, automobile, aeronautic, electrical, civil, public health etc. Anyone branch specialised means sound knowledge to the student in that branch and advantage to the public. Therefore astrologers also should specialise before offering predictions in any one of the branches and even there, understand the insufficiency due to give definite prediction, being aware of their limitations. Such astrologers, no doubt, will restore the reputation of the noble science, Astrology.

One or two predictions by a few astrologers may be taken for our consideration to judge whether these are in any way helpful or really harmful. One astrologer says that the configurations of the Planets in 1962-63-64 must be considered together. In many countries, crime wave and criminal activities will reach a new height. A few countries will witness famine conditions for some reason or other. Earthquake in some places will cause damage to property. Of course, in the countries and places wrecked by natural catastrophe, criminal activities also will prevail on a large scale.

The above is the prediction. Nowhere, the unexpected trouble we encountered in October 1962, which is the first of its kind was mentioned clearly (giving at least the week when such a difficulty could be expected and exactly from which source and why from the quarter alone). But it is said that there will be in this year, very disastrous Natural catastrophes like earthquakes, volcanic eruptions, storms excessive and untimely rain and snowfall, high death rate and many accidents; how many alternatives ! "Oh ! God," says the reader. He asks why can't one definitely state which of these troubles is to be expected and where. How can a reader select any one of these ? By offering such predictions, do not they unnecessarily create panic and fear in the minds of the general public, whereas astrology is intended more to give useful information, mental solace and encouragement ? Is it not a Psycho-therapy ?

Astrologers should not afflict the public with the terrors of severe issue. Even when one is confident about one's predictions, one should convey them with sympathetic concern, in a mild tone, the seriousness of the event but should not omit to make mention of it. Also a few readers may feel that the astrologers need not offer such useless predictions with thousands of alternatives.

Another takes a few horoscopes to read the fate of a country. One horoscope is said to be that of India. The other is claimed to be that of Independence. The third is mentioned as that of a ruler and so on. He mentions a series of calamities taking into consideration any one of the three horoscopes. And analysing another horoscope, he gives courage saying that India will be left unscathed. When one waits and sees, the country had for the first time in the same month the unprecedented experience, the invasion by a neighbouring country, and vital changes in the administration also.

If one were to predict bad events, considering any one horoscope and also say that there is nothing to worry by reading another chart, the reader is not benefited. He does not know which is to be taken. Either we will have trouble or we will be left unscathed. Such a prediction reminds one of the tactful astrologer who mentions to the husband of an expectant lady that his wife would give birth to a boy, and to the expectant mother, a girl. The readers request the astrologer capable of predicting precisely, to offer

definite predictions and avoid vague ones which are not really useful but actually harmful.

Honestly we have to realise our limitations while offering predictions with the knowledge that can be gained with the literature available at present: also the necessity to mention thousand alternatives. We all know that one cannot give clear, correct and precise predictions as this branch of science is incomplete.

However, some learned scholars were nearly correct in a few predictions, showing that the judicial astrology is correct though incomplete. There are many instances. But a few alone are given:

William Lily predicted that there would be a fire accident in 1666 in London, which came true. The Japances Royal astrologers correctly predicted Japan's victory over Russia in 1905. America was warned in 1907 that it would face financial crisis which came very true. And it was not that there was no failure in their predictions. Failure, if any, was due to the difficulty with this branch of science which is incomplete. These should be taken by the students of astrology as opportunities for earnest and intelligent research.

They have to note down the dates when some events happened in their country, the Planetary positions on those dates, and apply the astrological principles. Only after many instances one can judge which sign and which degree and

minute in it represents a town and this finding is absolutely necessary to minimise the alternatives. Now we are not in possession of such data to offer clear predictions and hence any prediction now given includes many alternatives.

There is another problem for research. About one hundred years ago, when astrologers predicted taking Virgo or Capricorn for India, they predicted that India would face some difficulties as these signs are afflicted. At that time, the prediction included sufferings of the people in the present Independent India and the partitioned Pakistan also, since both were ruled by one King and the boundary of India then included Pakistan. Now also, the same signs are to be taken for India and Pakistan and any prediction that India will be in danger, will apply to Pakistan also.

It may be argued that either the Independence Chart or the formation of the Ministry or the chart of the Minister may be taken as the basis for prediction. Consideration of so many charts will lead to contradictory indications and indefiniteness in the predictions.

Unless this branch is very well developed, one need not attach much weight to the predictions offered and get confused. A reader poses the following question to the astrologer who offers prediction. "All know that there was earthquake in Bihar. Did any one predict that Bihar alone will be afflicted and not Benares, Bhopal or Baroda? The combination of the planets or their disposition is the same for all

these places. Then why should Bihar alone face this calamity?" No explanation can be offered as to why Bihar alone should be victimized. Because, nowhere is it mentioned that Bihar which is in a particular latitude and longitude on Earth is represented by a particular declination and right ascension in the Zodiac. This branch of science to that extent is incomplete. If ever locality is allotted a particular position in the Zodiac, one can easily predict with confidence about a particular locality, say Bihar. Such finding alone will be useful to the public and to the Government.

It is hence necessary to complete this branch by systematic and methodical research. Till that time, it will be advantageous if one confines to the extent to which definite predictions can be offered.

It may be mentioned here that on 7.5.62 the Delhi Edition of Indian Express published a feature about the author that, in the course of his lectures at the Bharathiya Vidya Bhavan, Delhi, on 27.4.61, he had predicted that the share market would tumble down after 15.10.62 due to some evil in the North. But as he was not sure about the nature of evil, he had mentioned a few alternatives in the light of literature available at the time. It will be interest to know that, in this magazine, research on mundane astrology carried out by Mod-Ast-Res-Institute, Madras, will regularly appear and on those occasions when clear predictions can be offered they will be published well in advance for the benefit of all.

d. NATAL ASTROLOGY

Natal astrology concerns largely with the life of human beings. A chart is made out for the moment of birth and for the particular place of birth (Latitude and Longitude being taken for calculation).

From such a chart one can read all events about the native; his character, temperament and peculiarities, longevity, condition of health, accident proneness, finance and fortune, marriage, birth of children and also his prosperity or adversity. Moreover, the actual date of any occurrence in his life can be calculated. Thus natal astrology is very useful for one and all, whether he is born a king, a Kubera or a beggar, for health and longevity are precious to every individual. Fortune, prosperity, and above all, peace of mind and happiness are desired by all. Hence natal astrology is the most useful branch of this science and therefore, it behoves all of us to support and encourage genuine research, by trained workers and scholars, to bridge the incomplete phases in this, just as in every other branch of science.

It is a fact that 100% correct predictions cannot be given with the literature available and with the knowledge that we may gain by studying them alone. It is only by plodding, preserving and patiently carrying out research that one will be able to fill up the gap, supplement, improve, and make it perfect.

One of the sub-branches of Natal Astrology may be discussed for the consideration of the readers.

There is a sub branch called "Gochara Phalan" by the Hindus. Westerners call it "Transit". Let it be stated, with great humility for the information of the readers, that the method of prediction adopted by research scholars is, in a way, an improvement over the application of the general principles of astrology handed down to us by our ancient sages and scholars.

In the Western system, the astrologers take the radical position of the Sun at the time of birth and consider the relative positions of the Planets transiting in the Zodiac and give their predictions. In India and in the Hindu system, the position of the Moon at the time of birth of the native is taken as the starting and determining point to which the transiting positions of the Planets are related, and according to their relative positions, we read the results and say whether the time is auspicious or not. Both the methods will be found to be incomplete and therefore the percentage of failures is bound to be large. This cannot be of much advantage to those who desire to know their future.

The Western and the Hindu systems of predictions based on the transits of Planets fall in many cases whether referred either to the Sun or to the Moon alone.

For transitory results, Fortune a deserves serious attention

as it indicates certain results which are not shown by the aspects formed by the transiting planets to those in the natal chart.

When it is found that the results enjoyed by people born within a few minutes of each other show diametrically opposite results, we should try and find out the factor which is so fast moving as to cause opposite aspects and bring about such different effects.

In those few minutes can planets move much? No! Then which will have a change in the position? Is it not Lagna thereby Fortuna and then M.C.

All research scholars will surely declare that the fast changing Ascendant and Fortuna cause different aspects and produce different results. If therefore Fortuna is also include in all calculations and predictions offered, there can be no great room for disappointment.

Readers will do well at this stage to pause and ponder over the significant truths, placed before them in the preceding paragraphs. That Astrology, no, doubt, is an accurate science can be proved by taking the following instances.

Identical results are enjoyed by people whose birth took place at the same minute, in the same Latitude and Longitude. Let me place before the readers in a tangible and systematic form my reasons:

The first instance relates to two persons born at the same time and who both got married to two career girls who were earning. They had no children but both couples were very fond of domestic pets, cats and dogs. The two males were lecturers producing identical results, with equal interest in politics, philosophy and religion. Minor events also in their lives were strikingly similar; for example, both suffered from toothache at the same time and on the same day. Yet, the two male partners were in no way related to each other and hailed from widely separated places.

Another instance is about two men born in the same village who narrated their experience after they had lived there for a fairly long time. Their temperaments, behaviour and character were identical. Both had pleasing manners, were always cheerful and never rude to anyone. Both were robust in health and whenever one fell ill, the other also ailed from the same disease. Each of them lost a child in the same month, and had the same number of children. One was a journalist, while the other was a writer of fiction. Mercury, Mars and Jupiter were the signs who ruled over their professions. The culmination in this extraordinary similarity was in the death of these two natives on the same day.

Yet another instance relates to a report that appeared in a foreign journal in 1820. It mentioned that Samuel Hennings died at the age of 82. He was born on 4.6.1738 at a place situated in the same Latitude and Longitude as king George

III, who ascended the throne in October 1760; Mr. Hennings was then an independent businessman. King George III got married on 8.9.1761 and on the same day Mr. Hennings took Elsie for his wife. Both had the same number of children of each sex. Both were long-lived and died at the same hour on 2.9.1820. Instances can be multiplied for such remarkable coincident happenings. The Principles governed such events will be explained later.

e. HORARY ASTROLOGY

This branch of science is mysterious, perfect, wonderful and most useful. After thoroughly understanding the principles, one can offer correct, clear and precise predictions without any confusion. This helps the astrologer to confirm what prediction he has to give by using other methods which, when explained, will convince and satisfy the consultant.

Generally, the astrologer asks the querist to give a number, at random, within 108. The number that is given forms the basis for the prediction. Some may scoff at this branch of science saying that the predictions given by Horary Astrology cannot be correct as the number given is, after all, a chance. They may suggest that the person could have given any other number or thought of one number and mentioned another. Such people do not realise that the querist cannot

give any other number except the one which he had given occasionally. the lucky querist may mention a number, but the astrologer may mishear: calculate on the misheard number. Here the divine force so works, that the number taken by the astrologer gives a clear and correct answer whereas the other number, mentioned by the querist cannot offer a clear clue to the astrologer. They have no personal experience that it is the divine force which works and enables the astrologer to predict. The number that he gives depends upon his past action or Karma as well as the future results he is to enjoy, just as the moment of birth is the effect of his past Karma. None can convince that one's birth at the particular moment, whether normal or Caesarian, is a chance. If one were to reiterate, one is ignorant of the wonderful Divine Law. HAS HE OR SHE THE CHOICE OF PARENTS?

Generally, this branch of science is resorted to, mainly by those who have no horoscopes or who doubt the correctness of them. This branch of science can never answer all questions and clear all doubts. Occasionally it may appear for the beginners as though there are contradictory indications in astrology, when they try to predict using other methods of prognostication.

On those occasions, they can make the best use of Horary astrology for proper guidance and confirmation. Even when one is confident about one's own prediction in the other branches of the science, Horary Astrology has to be used

as a final safe method to declare with confidence the results already obtained.

Suppose two people stand for election in the same locality or for any single seat as President, Chairman, etc. Horoscopes may or may not be correct. Even if corrent charts are given, there may be a doubt whether 'A' will come out victorious or 'B'. That is why, some predictions offered without using Horary system miserably failed. To be sure of one's prediction, Horary Astrology is the best and most reliable to be used with advantage.

This method is as rational and as scientific as any other branch of astrology and it is the sublime art of foreseeing events from the position of the Planets at the moment when one propounds seriously a question about any important matter. By applying it, one can predict the longevity, health, success or failure in one's enterprise, one's stay in foreign land or his return, the time of marriage, the description of partner, re-union or divorce, birth and death of children, sex of the child, results of the examination, recovery of lost articles, gain by lottery or races or speculation, success in litigation, treasure, legacy and anything and everything on the earth.

This branch of science is not a bluff, it is not to dupe the gullible throng. But at the same time, it is not easy for the students of astrology to make prediction infallibly unless they

are thorough with the principles of astrology available now. Some mistake that the astrologer uses Numerology and predicts. They are ignorant. The Number indicates the ascendant for that query and he calculates the position of planets for that moment and then judges the result.

f. ELECTIONAL ASTROLOGY

Electional Astrology is the branch which indicates the most auspicious time for commencing any new undertaking: for marriage, upanayana, purchase of costly articles, construction of houses, buildings, time of getting admitted in the hospitals, time of operation, for performing religious and social functions, purchase of car, admission in schools, colleges etc. joining duty, taking charge or handing over charge of duty, purchasing lottery tickets etc.

g. KABALA ASTROLOGY

This will be dealt with in detail in another book.

h. KERALA ASTROLOGY

This prediction is offered by looking at a person's face or asking him to mention the name of a flower and having it as the basis for prediction. This also will be dealt with in another book.

I. OMENS

When one wants to predict or select a moment using anyone of these branches, it is necessary to look at the omens at the time of prediction. These will agree with the results obtained by either Horary or Kabala or Kerala branch of astrology and it is useful for predicting definitely with clarity and confidence. Omens are clear and correct indicators and thereby they are good guidance to the astrologers.

Bhattotpala says in Prasnagyaana that good or bad effects can be predicted through the internal and external omens which are the deciding factors. There are people who actually take a decision after noting the omens; they never proceed further in a matter, if the omens were to be ill and disheartening in fixing up a marriage, purchasing a house etc. Vārahamihira says that an omen reveals the fruition of one's action, good and bad, done in the previous birth. The omens

are not superstitious beliefs. Omen is otherwise called "SAGUNA".

This is a vast subject. It needs no skill to predict. One can refer to the subject on omens elaborately dealt with by Varahamihira in British Samhita, and note the result directly. If, at a particular time, there is more than one omen, then the interpretation depends upon the individuals. Anyhow, one should be intelligent.

1. One day a Guru was with his disciples discussing some principles relating to omen and astrology. A gentleman stepped in and said that he would like to consult the Guru on an important matter.

Guru said, "Come on, what can I do for you?"

He hesitated to be plain in the presence of the students. Yet he had to mention as the students cannot be asked to go out; nor the astrologer can take him to a confident place. So he said, My wife had deserted me, and she is living separately due to some unforeseen circumstances. Some months have passed. There is not even a letter from her. Therefore I am worried and I am anxious to know about my married life."

While the person was narrating his sad story, Guru's wife went out with a rope and a bucket to get water

from the common well in the street. Before the stranger completed his narration. Guru's wife stepped in and requested her husband to take the bucket from the well, as the rope gave way while she was drawing water from the well.

Guru turned to the students and asked them "What have you to say? Take this as an omen, interpret it carefully and predict."

Most of them, without hesitation, at once said, "the bondage between husband and wife is the yellow saffron thread called "Mangalyam" or "Thalikkayar". As the rope gave way, it suggests that Mangalya Saradu is also scissored off. Therefore the stranger's wife will never turn up. The tie between the husband and the wife cannot continue further.

But one of the students predicted otherwise, which the Guru approved. "Sir I do not agree with them. To me it appeals that the lady will come and join the husband very soon. Husband and wife belonged to one family and lived together even as these drops of water were together in the well. The rope and the bucket are the evil forces trying to separate a part of the water from the remnant in the well. The evil period was over, the rope gave way, and the water had re-union with the remnant in the well; so also the gentleman's evil days are over, and his wife will come back and live with him and their children."

Thus an intelligent interpretation is needed when the indications are more than one. If the rope alone had given way after drawing the water one can say that she would not come back as water is separated and then only the rope was found to have worn out.

2. One gentleman was unable to take a decision to celebrate the marriage of his son with a particular bride. He was wavering; he was both for fixing up the marriage with the girl and also greedy enough to wait and try to have a career girl. So he consulted an astrologer. While they were discussing, a postman delivered a marriage invitation letter to the astrologer who unhesitatingly advised the querist to go ahead with the bride already in view. For, the receipt of an invitation is auspicious to fix up a wedding. He explained that if the postman had given a letter which contained half a dozen charts for selection of a bridegroom to his daughter, then he can say, "wait and see." But when the letter shows that the marriage is fixed already and the marriage is to be celebrated shortly he can only say, "Fix the bride already in view." In a few weeks the marriage was fixed and celebrated. The couple are now leading a happy life. Whether one consults an astrologer and then celebrates the marriage or not, the married life will be according to their fate. Astrologers, before marriage will say whether they will get married or not.

If there is any undesirable result in married life, I feel that it is not decent to mention such events, when one wants to fix up a marriage.

3. An Officer handed over a letter to the astrologer and asked him to say whether his grand-father, reported to be serious, would recover or succumb to the disease. He said that he had to make arrangements and apply for leave to go home.

The astrologer asked him to mention a number within 101; 27 was mentioned. While the astrologer was calculating, he heard his wife talking to her friend inside the house expressing her deep sorrow to the guest. "I am really sorry to read in the papers that.....has passed away. I take it a great loss, as he was always helpful to my family. It is also a loss to the nation." Further, at that time, a purohit came and reminded the astrologer that his father's anniversary was to be performed the next day. Lest the querist should mistake him, the tactful astrologer did not immediately predict. He wasted a few minutes under some pretext, though he had already taken a decision as what to predict. He said, "My young man, take long leave and proceed at once to grand-father's place. Don't waste time." Before the native arrived, the patient passed away. These indications will never fail; will ever come true.

4. One, who is very anxious to have a child puts the query to the astrologer, to study the horoscope of a couple and predict. At that time, in fact a lady steps inside and invites the astrologer to come to her residence the next day to bless her sister's child on its birthday. You may well guess what the astrologer would have predicted.

God will always be alert and be giving such wonderful guidance to the astrologer, to predict correctly, if those who consult him would have satisfactorily done virtuous deeds in the previous birth. Only those who had committed serious sins in the last birth will be disappointed in this birth in every walk of life. Even able astrologers will have misleading facts which they have to use as the basis, so that their calculations will go wrong and prediction will fail. Probably the chart given to the astrologer may be cast by a quack and may be incorrect. Or the unlucky querist would have mentioned 16. The astrologer would have misheard it as 60, worked and offered a prediction which failed finally. Mishearing is God's action which is due to the querist's Karma. Thus in everything divine force will work. God neither give proper guidance to him nor allows the astrologer to give correct prediction in his case alone, as he was a great sinner and he is to be disappointed in everything, including the prediction of the expert astrologers.

One can consult any astrologer. Only when the native and the astrologer have favourable time, the astrologer will be able to give correct prediction to him. But, if their time is unfavourable, every thing will go wrong and the party cannot have peace of mind. Good actions alone will yield desirable results. Thus astrology reminds one to do good alone which will surely offer peace of mind. Nowhere in the Christian Scriptures, astrology is disapproved. Nowhere it is forbidden. But it warns us as to its proper use.

WHO CAN LEARN ASTROLOGY?

Often people approach me and express their difficulties in the art of astrological predictions. One of them said, "Sir, there was always an ardent desire in me to learn astrology, I had the opportunity to study the science regularly I earnestly worked night and day and tried to understand the principles. When I felt that I would be able to read the horoscopes, my friends gave me some charts and asked me to offer my findings. Various ideas flashed in my mind I found contradictory indication confusing and depressing me. Finally, I made a sincere attempt to predict. I did not have much to say but to mention a few words. On finding that the querist was not satisfied and continued to stay expecting me to predict something more, I looked at him. He also looked at me with pity. Anyhow, I again tried to predict something more, but I was going on repeating what I had already said;

such an embarrassed situation discouraged me further. The friends also dissuaded me by sarcastic smile. So, I got vexed and I gave it up dejected.

A few years passed : again there was the urge to learn scientifically instead of committing to memory the rules and reproducing them like a parrot. Even then while studying, I came across certain portions which appeared to be just contrary to what is mentioned by another author. I did not find any improvement; confusion continued and I was actually perplexed. I thought that probably the science is a difficult, complicated and intricate one. Fortunately, I understand that you are bringing out a magazine rendering it simple clear and convincing which is the opinion of the readers.

Can you kindly tell me, Sir, whether I shall learn astrology and master it, so that I can be useful to others by offering predictions.

Astrology is, no doubt, mysterious and abstruse. It deals with the relation of the Planets in the Heavens and the occurrences on the Earth.

1. The students of astrology have to acquire sufficient, knowledge in astronomy.
2. They have to be good in elementary mathematics. They can't afford to commit any mistake in their calculations.

3. They should be capable of preparing the horoscopes accurately using the correct Ephemeris or by using Drikalmanacs alone. For Ayanamsa they will find that which is published in this book is useful and correct.
4. They have to study various books on astrology published by scholars and also the original ones propounded by our sages.
5. They have to think, think and think, analyse, understand the spirit of the rules and apply. They will come to the decision that the stellar astrology is the best, most simple and astoundingly accurate.
6. Fulfilled and unfulfilled predictions are to be recorded.
7. When a prediction comes true by adopting certain principles, one has to follow the same.
8. Also one is to find out what modification is needed for such a method which failed. One need not be discouraged by failures to start with. No child can run a race without falling down many a time while attempting to walk in infancy. No cyclist by himself learn cycling without any scratches and bruises on his body. If any experienced cyclist were to assist him while learning he may avoid injuries. So also a Guru, by the side of the student who predicts, will

guide and correct him whenever necessary. This gives zeal to the student as he comes out successful.

9. Study circles and astrological groups are to be formed, to discuss various problems and clear doubts.
10. One has to predict after thoroughly understanding the querist's temperament. There are some who do not like to hear evil. Even in such cases, the astrologer should mention the evil but express it in a very mild form. Does not a physician give sugar-coated pills to the patient who dislikes bitter medicine. He gives the medicine all right; but does not allow him to feel the bitterness.

The astrologer should not guess. But he should possess the power of correct judgement and interpretation. He should have a good vocabulary and should use appropriate words. Intuition has to play its part for which devotion to God, and prayers without any disturbance are needed. The astrologer should enjoy peace of mind and be above wants. He should have no worries at all. To be a leader among astrologers, one should be able to argue, convince and establish the correctness of his predictions.

It is for the public to certify whether one is an able astrologer or not; whether one can offer astounding predictions or not. It is unbecoming of an astrologer to boast himself as an

expert except on such occasions when it may be absolutely necessary to create faith in other and impress upon them what he wants to convey. An astrologer should not be over-confident; he should be calm; should apply correct principles, follow many methods, and give clear indications. He should not exaggerate facts etc.; otherwise he invites trouble later. He should never forget his limitations.

There was an astrologer named Mr.H. Musgrove. He was born in Qubec, on 29-10.1869. When he was 47 years old he predicted that he could correctly locate the place, where gold would be found in large quantities, by using his knowledge of astrology. He persuaded many people to invest money in gold mining in British Columbia. All of them were anxiously expecting to come by the treasure. Unfortunately, the prediction failed miserably, due to the bad luck of the investors; they were utterly disappointed. Untimately the astrologer was imprisioned.

The astrologer should understand psychology also. A lady was much worried for having issues at minimum intervals and all of them were girls. Again she was in the family way. If an astrologer, simply to please her, were to say that she would have a boy, he runs double risk. Because, if again a girl is born to her, it is no wonder that the astrologer is not only abused by the party but also anti-propaganda will be carried on by a few of them in season and out of season as they are (1) disgusted and (2) disappointed. If the astrologer

had told that she could expect a girl on this occasion also and if it is a boy in their joy the astrologer is excused. But if a girl is born as predicted, they will appreciate the science and wait for better luck at least next time.

In correct predictions bring ridicule to the science and also misfortune to the astrologer. One should be tactful also. It is advisable to predict correctly not forgetting one's future, or better confess and dispose of the querist saying that he has not specialised that particular branch of the science.

Can a medical expert undertake to treat patients suffering from all diseases. Can an Engineer be an expert in all the branches of Engineering ? Similarly also, an astrologer can specialise in any aspect and he cannot master all the branches.

One can be an astrologer, if one's horoscope satisfies many of the following conditions. Uranus is traditionally (according to Westerners) the strongest planet to give knowledge in astrology. Hindus take Mercury (Budha) as the planet which creates interest in astrology. In fact, all prominent astrologers have not had Uranus always strong in their horoscopes. But it will be seen that Saturn and Mercury have much to do with astrology. (Have we not heard the usual proverb "Aye ! that fellow has Saturn in the tongue" Vakkil Sani. Ever predicts evil and never he fails).

Mr. Carter warns those in whose charts Mercury and Jupiter are heavily afflicted to be very cautious when they forecast.

From that, one can understand that Mercury should not be afflicted, as it is the astrological planet. He also says that Uranus is unsuited to practical exigencies, as one will commonly lack tact and patience which are the essentials for an astrologer. One is to be practical. Earthy signs, and Planets. Mars and Saturn make one useful and practical. Planets in airy signs may make one unpractical and dreamy. Fiery usually produce practical people but not always prudent or discreet people. Those born in Thulam (Libra) an airy sign, may employ themselves in flattering others and often fall easy victims to it. Astrologers should not under any circumstances flatter others and exaggerate things.

People having a planet in Kumba or Meena (Aquarius and Pisces) afflicting Uranus in any part of the map will be unconventional, original and Bohemian. They may disregard the established custom and ancient traditions and many may be perverted.

But people, having any of the following combinations and favourable aspects, can learn astrology and be useful to the querists.

1. Western scholars are of opinion that Saturn and Moon give immense appetite to learn astrology especially when they are in 1, 3, 9 or 10th Bhava (Houses) Saturn and Moon make the native industrious, honest, patient, plodding any persevering all of which are essential to an astrologer.

2. Uranus has a special attraction to astrology. But success or failure depends on the other aspects which Uranus receives. It may make one a research scholar or a perverted person with much of egoism whereas astrology is meant more to subdue egoism.
3. Good aspects and connection between Jupiter, Mercury and Uranus assist one to consider deeply, judge properly and interpret correctly.
4. Mars beneficial aspect to those planets gives the astrologer the argumentative faculty, the desire to succeed in the material field, and to lead in all pursuits.
5. Only when Moon and Mercury have harmonious aspects, one can have clear exposition, proper wording, good vocabulary and intuition. Moon is called the mind. It is like a mirror exactly reflecting the object. Mercury is for supreme intelligence, as it governs the central nervous system. It is like a lens. Therefore whenever these two planets either form or receive favourable aspects, they give high imagination, linguistic capability, keen observation, intuitive perception, quick grasp, retentive power, reproductive ability, fluency of speech and general success especially in astrology. So, those who have strong Mercury will thoroughly analyse, properly apply and correctly predict.

6. Saturn and Mercury forming good aspects in one's chart give concentration and depth of thought. The native will be exact, precise and methodical. He will be a good mathematician with competence on calculations. He will have much forethought, persistence and reasoning ability.
7. Venus conjoined with Uranus can give one the desire to learn astrology. A few may have titles conferred on them, if Venus and Uranus received good aspects from Saturn, Moon and Jupiter.
8. Good aspect to Jupiter from other planets removes worries and allows one to pray to God. One can have the divine grace and intuition.
9. In Horasara, Prithuyasas says that the person at whose birth Moon occupies Cancer (Kataka) will be an astrologer. It does not mean that all Cancer borns will learn astrology or at least have faith in astrology. Here one is to combine the Western System of prediction and find out the aspect that is being formed between the position of Moon at birth in Cancer and that of Saturn, Mercury and Uranus in the chart. If Uranus were to form adverse aspects with Moon, one will be perverted. If Mercury afflicts Moon, one will utter falsehood or whatever one tries to predict will not come true, especially when the period one runs, is governed by Moon and Mercury.

Moon afflicted by Saturn does not allow one to concentrate nor will he have self confidence but be diffident.

- 10. Vaidyanatha Dikshitha, in Jataka Parijatham, mentions that people born in the years Prabhava and Kalayukthi will be proficient in astrology. Also those born in Sathayam or Sathabheeshaik Nakshatra and those born in Sakuna Karana will be astrologers. Here also, one is to take that all people born either in Prabhava or Kalayukthi year or Sathabhishak Star or Sakuna Karana, unless they have good aspects among Moon, Mercury, Saturn and Uranus, cannot learn astrology and predict correctly.**
- 11. Mahadeva, in Jataka Tatva, has said that people having Venus and Mercury in the 2nd or the 3rd house or.**
- 12. People having Mercury in 1, 4, 5, 7, 9, 10 or 11th house or**
- 13. People born in Gemini, having exalted Jupiter and**
- 14. Those who have the lord of the second house in good strength will be good astrologers.**

Even though in the majority of cases these rules will come

true, yet, due to other evil aspects, a few may not have any desire to learn astrology and a few may even ridicule it due to the affliction.

Often wise people say,

*"Gathanu Gathiko Lokaha
Na Lokaha Paramarthikaha"*

By that, they mean that one should not blindly follow the rules expounded but take pains to find out the truth and understand their spirit. This is strictly followed by the author.

Therefore it is necessary for one to take all these into consideration to find out whether the planetary aspects are beneficial to learn astrology and then decide who can make the best use of it by consulting learned and wise astrologers.

Editing and predicting are different. Prediction is the real problem. Editing is not difficult. If Jupiter, Mercury and Mars have favourable aspects one can edit and publish, because Jupiter's aspect to Mercury produces journalists who need command of language, a somewhat encyclopaedic range of knowledge and deep knowledge of one particular subject. It is desirable to have a delicate touch on the pulse of the public. Jupiter assists in rendering the matter in the publication suited to the needs of the readers and makes it popular. If the editor keenly desires to impart information of an educative type, Mercury should be favourable and strong.

If Mercury and Mars form evil aspects, the editor will like to fight, if not in reality, yet in words. If both the planets occupy favourable signs, then the capacity for satire will be a useful asset to him. Mars forming good aspect with Mercury gives good humour and be fortunate to own a Press, as Mars indicates machinery and Mercury, paper, news, etc.

Guru's beneficial aspect increases the income, improves the standard, expands the business, increases the circulation and makes the book popular. Saturn's aspect will restrict the activities and increase the debts. Further, there will be labour trouble or the release of the books will be unduly delayed and people will get vexed and dejected. Neptune's evil aspect shows that every venture will be started in a flash which will soon end in a crash.

Lords of 2, 9 and 11 forming good aspects mutually among themselves and with the great benefit Jupiter will offer the most desirable results to the astrologer and to the consultant.



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TWELVE SIGNS OF THE ZODIAC

THEIR CLASSIFICATION AND THEIR INFLUENCE

The circle of space surrounding the earth and measuring 360 degrees of celestial longitude is referred to as the Zodiac. It is an imaginary belt in the Heavens. It is 15 degrees wide in which the planets travel. It is the path in the middle of which the Sun appears to move around the earth, called Ecliptic.

The Zodiac is divided into 12 equal parts. They are 1. Aries - Mesha 2. Taurus - Rishaba 3. Gemini - Mithuna 4. Cancer - Kataka 5. Leo - Simha 6. Virgo - Kanni 7. Libra - Thulam 8. Scorpio - Vrischika 9. Sagittarius - Dhanus 10. Capricorn - Makara 11. Aquarius - Kumba 12. Pisces - Meena.

Each of these is a solar mansion otherwise called a sign of a rasi and each extends to exactly 30 degrees. Each sign has derived its name from its resemblance to the group of constellations found in and around the Zodiac. These signs may be classified broadly into thirteen groups depending on their influences on animate and inanimate objects. They are :

1. Positive and Negative Signs
2. Northern & Southern Equinoctial, Tropical Signs
3. Fiery, Earthy, Airy & Watery Signs
4. Movable, Fixed & Common Signs
5. Fruitful or Barren Signs
6. Mute Signs
7. Violent Signs
8. Human Signs
9. Voice Signs
10. Bestial or Four Legged Signs
11. Dual Signs
12. Bicorporeal or Double Bodied
13. Short & Long Ascension Signs

1. POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE SIGNS

The signs from Aries (Mesha) onwards are alternative positive and negative. They are sometimes referred to as masculine (or day signs) and feminine (or night signs) respectively. Thus the odd signs namely, Aries (Mesha), Gemini (Mithuna), Leo (Simha), Libra (Thulam), Sagittarius (Dhanus) and Aquarius (Kumba) are positive (or Masculine); the even signs viz., Taurus (Rishabha), Cancer (Kataka), Virgo (Kanya), Scorpio (Vrischika), Capricorn (Makara) and Pisces (Meena) are negative (or Female).

The positive signs denote an assertive, bold, expressive, active and offensive nature. They give determination, power of will and force. On the other hand the negative signs show a passive, receptive, defensive and a somewhat conciliatory disposition. There is a tendency for the positive signs to be more self expressive and less passive in their reactions and for the negative signs to be more self-repressive and less outgoing and spontaneous.

A positive sign as Ascendant indicates that the native is more generally fortunate in his undertakings than a negative sign does. The negative signs are weak and feminine on account of passive qualities.

If the lagna falls in a male sign and other testimonies also

support, then even a lady born in a modest family, will have masculine appearance and qualities. But if the lagna falls in a male sign occupied by feminine, planets or if the lord of lagna occupies a female sign, he may be a male with feminine qualities, appearance and character, etc.

If the sign on the cusp of the 5th house falls in a masculine sign, if the 5th lord is a masculine planet and is in a masculine sign, etc., most of the offsprings will be boys. If these happen to be feminine, then the offsprings will be girls. This is a general rule.

Positive signs on the cusp of the ascendant give vitality negative signs are not so vigorous, unless a strong masculine planet is very near the cusp of the Ascendant.

2. NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN SIGNS

The first six signs of the Zodiac, namely, Mesha, Rishaba, Mithuna, Kataka, Simha and Kanya (i.e., Aries to Virgo) are called Northern signs, as they are to the north of the celestial Equator (they are in the northern hemisphere). The remaining six signs, that is, Thulam, Vrischikam, Dhanus, Makara, Kumba and Meena (Libra to Pisces) are to the south of the celestial Equator (in the southern hemisphere) and are so termed southern signs.

2a. EQUINOCTIAL SIGNS

Equinox means equal day and night. When the Sun is in the intersecting point of the celestial Equator and the Ecliptic where Aries commences and Pisces ends and the point of intersection is at the end of Virgo and the beginning of Libra, then the days and nights are equal all over the world. This phenomenon occurs only twice in a year. i.e. around 21st March and 23rd September.

Mesha (Aries) and Thulam (Libra) are hence the two equinoctial signs. Mesha (Aries) is the vernal equinoctial sign and Thulam (Libra) the autumnal equinoctial sign.

2b. TROPICAL SIGNS

Cancer (Kataka) and Capricorn (Makara) are the two tropical signs. They are sometimes called the summer solstitial sign and winter solstitial sign respectively. The days are the longest the Sun is in the initial point of Cancer and the nights are the longest when the Sun is in the beginning of Capricorn. Sun enters Capricorn on or around the 22nd. December every

year according to the Sayana system. As per Nirayana system - fixed zodiac - the dates are different.

3. FIERY, EARTHY, AIRY AND WATERY SIGNS

The Zodiacal signs are classified into four groups or triplicities according to the four elements which are Fire, Earth, Air and Water, corresponding to spirit, body, mind and soul symbolising spiritual, physical, mental and psychic processes in man. The four groups are as follows :

Fire	Mesha	Simha	Dhanus
Earth	Rishabha	Kanya	Makara
Air	Mithuna	Thulam	Kumbha
Water	Kataka	Vrischika	Meena

The *FIERY SIGNS* represent the vital spirit including activity. They tend to an assertive, independent, courageous and enthusiastic nature. They signify activity and ambitious, vigour and vitality, energy and push. When fiery signs are on the cusp of the ascendant, the disposition is said to be proud, enterprising and commanding with more desire to lead others than serve them. The native may be argumentative and self-confident. The mind is aspiring, acute and penetrating. The native will not relish the suggestion offered by others and will act on his own impulses. A spiritual bent

of mind is also denoted. Fiery signs as Ascendant cause fevers and inflammatory disorders, sudden illness usually acute but lasting only for a short duration.

According to Westerners if the majority of planets occupy fiery signs, it shows ingenuity, force and energy and fits the native to study mechanics and to follow any trade or profession in which metals and fire play a part, as those of soldiers, mechanists, engineers, smith, barbers, butchers, surgeons as also hazardous and dangerous vocation. Planets in these signs are more active than in others.

Also Leo has stated that fiery signs are connected with vitality and vital force; earthy signs with the physical body; airy signs with the nervous system, brain and mind generally; and watery signs with the etheric double - the finer mould into which the physical system was cast at birth.

EARTHY SIGNS show solidity and stability. They indicate material welfare and the native will be bent on making wealth and seeking power and position. Earthy signs also if rising, give good health. One will be careful and cautious, premeditative, prudent and practical; secretive and suspicious; stubborn and self-protective, slow and steady; reserved and retrained; methodical and economical; plodding and preserving. His mind is practical, objective, scientific, methodical and materialistic. When a majority of planets occupy earthy signs, business would be the best.

In the words of Mr. L. George, this triplicity is represented by the nervous temperament exhibiting restless, worried and agitated characteristics with predisposition to rheumatic, and windy complaints with a tendency towards chronic disorders.

He is of opinion that earthy signs give employment having a bearing on business, buildings, mining and all laborious, heavy and slow work in which time, labour and perseverance are required. Kanya inclines to chemistry, Rishaba to agricultural pursuits or finance, and Makara to administrative or political positions.

One may engage in occupations connected with agriculture, horticulture, gardening land, mines, timber building materials etc., or as a contractor or deal in foodstuffs both in the raw and cooked states, such as grocery business, in restaurants or as grain dealers. He may deal in dress, goods and clothing.

AIRY SIGNS are distinctly connected with mind and mental experiences.

They indicate less vitality, if well connected, they show cheerful, gentle, amiable, courteous, sympathetic, refined and human nature. They offer good intellect, fertile imagination idealistic and artistic nature; well-informed, fertile. The mind is cultured, musical, inquisitive; fond of reasoning; generally well-behaved and level-headed. He will not be assertive but tactful.

People born in airy signs will have active circulation. Their bodies will be plump and their complexion good. They will be well informed and wide-awake workers.

People born in these signs will exert much, get exhausted and, due to overwork, suffer nervous troubles.

Airy signs denote intellectual pursuits best fitted to be advisers. Or they show their skill in some literary occupations. Scientific pursuits will be advantageous. Any profession, where in the mind and brain are more exercised than the body, fit them most. They are ideally suited as accountants, book-keepers, poets, novelists, lawyers, artists, reporters, lecturers, scientists, aviators, inventors, etc.

The majority of the planets in airy signs show that the native is talented, refined, courteous, idealistic and often inconstant. The native will be artistic and literary-minded.

WATERY SIGNS signify a fruitful nature and give enough of fertile imagination. They show less recuperative power. The constitution will be weak. The disposition is timid, inert and unwilling to act. The mind is receptive, contemplative sensitive, sentimental and psychic. Occult tendencies are indicated.

Alan Leo says as follows :- "The watery signs are the least fortunate givings sensitiveness and often lack of energy.

When the majority of the planets occupy watery signs, the native is shy, sensitive, timid, psychic and often lacks energy.

The watery signs, if afflicted, make one anaemic and weak-pulsed. In later stages tumour or cancerous growths may trouble them. Watery signs, if rising, give much less stamina and predispose to digestive, urinary and catarrh troubles.

Watery signs favour all employments in which liquid is used. It includes everything from mineral water to wines and spirits, or from washing clothes to sailing e.g. sailors, fishermen, bravers, wine merchants, ship builders, ship owners, marine engineers and manufacturers and dealers in liquid refreshments etc, also emotional acting, elocution, etc. All occupations in which water is the chief element; also dealers in soft goods, textiles, fabrics, chemists etc., are influenced by watery signs.

"A majority of planets in watery signs denotes a psychic or emotional nature; the instinctive consciousness is very keen; the native is more or less receptive or impressionable; often mediumistic and sometimes passionate."

4. THE QUALITIES : MOVABLE, FIXED & COMMON SIGNS

Each category of the four signs (such as movable, fixed and common) has a common factor or quality of expression, but this quality in each sign would be applied differently. The 3 qualities may be compared to the three Gunas of Hindus, viz, the cardinal or movable to Rajas (activity), the fixed to Tamas (constancy), and the mutable or common to sattva (rhythm).

Mesha, Kataka, Thulam and Makara are movable signs. Rishaba, Simha, Vrischika and Kumbha are fixed ones. Mithuna, Kanya, Dhanus and Meena are common signs.

Movable signs represent movement from one place to another, just as water in the river flows smoothly without going back to its source.

Movable signs show enterprise, enthusiasm, love of ambition, forcefulness and go-a-head spirit; fame recognition and popularity; and ability to complete plans and execute them in a short time. The native always loves change and reform. They represent the busy people, the best businessmen, pioneers, those; who rise in life on their own and those who make headway against heavy odds and impediments. The natives of movable signs are independent in spirit and

self-assertive. They dislike dependence on others and are averse to subordination.

Movable signs on the Ascendant incline to ailments affecting the head, stomach, kidneys and all movable or functional disorders. They tend to brain fever, headache, fits, disorders of the stomach, kidney troubles, cold, rheumatism, injuries to the head and knees etc.

Afflictions from movable signs indicate acute ailments which usually run their course and leave no particular trace.

Movable signs on the cusp of the 2nd house help one to earn money through name, fame and public recognition. The natives of these signs have great vitality and dynamism so much so they gain through activity, ambition and adventures. There is the liability to fluctuating fortune and changes where money is concerned. Speculative enterprise is favoured and acquisitiveness is usually well developed.

If the third house cusps falls in a movable sign, it signifies that the mind is often aspiring, active, ambitious, enterprising but changeable. One will love change and like travels. He will do a lot of travelling. ~~about~~. Close ties with cousins, neighbours, etc., and with relatives in general are developed.

Being possessed of dynamic energy, one will be able to take up pioneer work. The natives of these signs are ardent in

what ever they undertake and if they once espouse a cause - social, political, religious or educational or any other - they will work for that cause with all the vim and vigour of their energetic nature. they succeed through sheer audacity.

The persons influenced by these signs are best fitted in positions that require speed and swiftness, wit and ingenuity and tact and diplomacy. They never rest content until they are in the lead of whatever pursuit they follow. They scorn subordination. These native are ideally suited to occupy responsible and authoritative positions.

When, in horoscope, the majority of the planets are placed in movable signs or when these signs are on the 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th houses called angles or kendras, it shows that one will hold a prominent position, be in trade, business, politics or profession. He will exhibit ambition and enterprise to a great degree. They will never feel fully satisfied unless they are at the head of things. They are fond of changes in life and will have many changes too.

If Jupiter occupies the 11th house falling in a movable sign, it indicates executive ability and progress; if this happens to be a fixed sign, jealousy and pride among friends is the result; if it is a common sign, one may have friends who are scientifically inclined or religiousminded. Also, one's friends may prove unreliable.

Saturn place in the 11th house in a fixed sign signifies that

there will be delay and hindrance through friends. If the 11th cusp is in a common sign and Saturn is also there, one may not achieve one's hopes. There may also be sorrow through friends.

When the movable signs are on the angles (1st, 4th, 7th and 10th houses) one will be resourceful and alert. He would grasp an idea very quickly. Being enterprising and active, he will shun no effort in order to succeed. He will succeed in any enterprise, come what may. A brave, old and indomitable spirit is indicated.

4a. FIXED SIGNS

The influence of the fixed signs rouses the desire nature, giving stamina and persistence in action. Person of these signs have a very strong and determined will. They are pre-eminently thorough. If they make up their mind to do anything, they will keep on working with remarkable patience and persistence until success comes to them. They are very practical in their approach. They will not mind doing anything for one who has won their affection. They are very firm in their mental attitude and once an opinion has been formed they cling to it with tenacity. They are very difficult people to convince but, when once won over to a cause, they will defend in to the last.

Those influenced by the signs will be outspoken, self-reliant and reliable and remarkable patient. On the other side they are obstinate, rigid, dogmatic, unrelenting and unbending. They will persist in a given direction and neither reason nor argument will turn them. Their tendency is to seek solitude and become self-absorbed. These people are endowed with good executive ability. The natives with the fixed sign are very fond of comfort, luxury and other refining influences of life.

Fixed signs tend to ailments affecting heart and the generative system. Chronic or organic troubles are threatened. One may suffer from diseases like diphtheria, bronchitis, asthma, heart troubles defective circulation and spinal complaints. Afflictions from fixed signs denote that one may inherit hereditary diseases which usually become chronic.

Fixed signs bring the native gain through authoritative influence, investments and accumulation of unearned income.

There being no fluctuation denoted, one can expect to have a fixed income.

If the third house falls in a fixed sign, then the native will have a fixed and rigid attitude. He will be persevering, plodding, painstaking, proud and authorita-

tive. He dislikes travelling. Any travel is usually forced by circumstances.

It favours Government service and employment in ancient institutions and established businesses with security of service. One will achieve success through slow, steady and sustained effort.

The fixed sign people grasp opportunities slowly. Being conservative-minded, they do not quickly respond to the new environment and care more for permanency and fixity.

When fixed signs are on the cusps of the 1st, 4th, 7th and 10th houses in a horoscope or most of the planets are found in fixed signs, one will be firm, determined, dignified and self-reliant. He will be slow and plodding but will succeed eventually. One will require time to come to a decision. "Patient persistence in every doing" is his motto. He is sure to rise in life through fixity of purpose and persistent effort. He will put his talent to the best use. Setback does not daunt him. He will adhere to a method only after being satisfied that it will meet his requirements. It is next to impossible to change him but, when veered round to a cause, he will prove to be its most ardent and reliable advocate.

Common (dual, mutable) signs may be likened to the

swinging pendulum. They represent the vibratory motion passing from one point to another and back again linking the two extremes of its motion. The nature is dual and fluctuating. Flexibility or plasticity is the predominant characteristic.

These signs denote an intellectual, sympathetic, sensitive subtle, versatile and changeful nature. The natives born in these signs or having a majority of the planets in these signs will often be inconstant, indecisive, vacillating and restless. Being flexible they never exert their will power sufficiently. Their tendency is to drift the dream of the future. They will have to set purpose and they are goaded into action into action only when the stern whip of necessity is applied. They are peaceful and sympathetic in their disposition and cordial and pleasing in their manner. They sometimes suffer injury from others not because they cannot retaliate, but being averse by nature to exertion they do not wish to take up the trouble to fight. Nothing appeals to the man of common sign permanently. He desires nothing as much as change and roving about, usually in an aimless manner. One born in common sign is best fitted to be in the employ of others than have others in his employ. Unless born well off, these people seldom make their way in life, always loving leisure and lacking a go-ahead spirit.

People with common sign are sensitive to and much swayed by the surrounding environment as they lack the stamina to assert themselves.

People of common sign are not capable of the slow and sustained work put forth by the fixed class. They get easily discouraged by difficulties and are in tears on the slightest provocation. Being averse to strenuous work they shine according to their ability to think. They therefore prove best when they take up agencies, commission jobs, etc. in which much of executive skill is not required.

These signs bring income to one through service and ordinary means. Finance is prone to fluctuation. The man of common sign, being lazy and indifferent, will be indifferent even in regard to accumulation of wealth.

Common signs incline to affections of the lungs, limbs, breathing apparatus and all kinds of nervous disorders. The diseases denoted are often convertible. One may be able to overcome them entirely or the disease will run their course and become chronic depending on the individual's mental temperament.

Common signs on the 3rd house cusp make the mind more receptive, methodical, systematic and easily affected by surroundings.

When common signs are connected with houses 2, 6 and 10, one is best fitted to serve others. For instance, one can act as a middleman, an agent, a messenger, clerk, teacher, editor or speaker. According to Alan Leo, it sometimes denotes occupation in which uniforms are worn, companies or where public commodities are dealt with.

If the 1st and 7th lords are in harmonious aspect or in parivartana (mutual exchange), partnership is advisable; a good mutual working arrangement is indicated. If the cusp of the 11th house and the lord of 11 is in common signs, one will acquire doubtful friendships.

When the common signs are on the cusps of the angles (1st, 4th, 7th and 10th houses in the chart) or when a number of planets are posited in these signs, the mind is often fickle, fighty, superficial, wavering and versatile. One may grasp an idea in a short time and arrive at a decision, but will change his decision quickly. One will be systematic and methodical, but succeeds in life by others aid. Even if one succeeds, he does not gain the required recognition for his merit and labour. Being vacillating, he is liable to miss opportunities that come his way.

5. FRUITFUL SIGNS

Cancer (Kataka), Scorpio (Vrischika) and Pisces (Meena) are said to be fruitful in nature, all watery signs being fruitful.

Taurus (Rishaba), Libra (Thulam), Capricorn (Makara) and Sagittarius (Dhanus) are said to be semi-fruitful.

Fruitful signs in the cusps of the 5th and 7th houses and their lords in fruitful signs, the indication is an early union. Barren signs in the cusps of the 5th and 1st houses indicate that the native is not likely to marry in time (provided other testimonies also point to the same view). Fruitful signs covering the 11th and 5th houses and the lords of 5 and 11 fruitful signs promise progeny. Barren signs in the cusps of the 1st, 5th and 11th or the lords of these in barren signs lessen chances of children.

5a. BARREN SIGNS

Aries (Mesha), Gemini (Mithuna), Leo (Simha) and Virgo (Kanya) are called barren or sterile signs. These are not fruitful.

Barren signs on the cusps of the 5th and 11th house (11th house being 5th to the partner) and the lords of these not in fruitful signs, Moon not in a fruitful sign,

the lagna not a fruitful sign the lord of lagna not occupying a fruitful sign and no fruitful planet in 5th or 11th houses, are indications of no children.

6. MUTE SIGNS

All watery signs (namely Kataka, Vrischika and Meena) are mute signs.

If Mercury being lord of 6 is in the 2nd house in a mute sign or the lord of 6 is in the 2nd in a mute sign afflicted by Mars or Saturn, perceptible stammer, lisp or other impediment will be the result. Mercury anywhere in mute signs afflicted by Saturn, causes stammer. If Mars adds his influence by bad aspect, then the native will talk very fast, lisp or pronounce his words badly. When Mercury happens to be in a mute sign in opposition to the Moon, the native will have a defect in speech. Saturn in the lagna in a mute sign causes an impediment in speech. The 2nd house governs vocal organs. If a voice sign be found in the 2nd house in a horoscope, more especially if Venus or Mercury be therein free from affliction, then eloquence or some vocal gift may be predicted. Jupiter indicates that one will offer advice, preach (may or may not practice) and will be a platform speaker. Mars and Jupiter give assertion and make him an orator who can move the masses by his fiery speech. Mercury and

Saturn show that he will modify his speech according to the time, circumstances and the crowd before him.

7. VIOLENT SIGNS

Aries (Mesha), as also Scorpio (Virschika) are said to be violent signs. They know "no fears". They undertake all enterprises with courage and confidence. They are best fitted to take risk.

8. HUMAN SIGNS

Gemini (Mithuna), Virgo (Kanya), Aquarius (Kumbha) and the 1st half of Sagittarius (Dhanus) are called human or humane signs as these are depicted by human figures on the symbolic globe.

Some authors consider Libra (Thulam) also as humane.

Prithyusas says in Horasara Adhyaya 1 in sloka 11, that these signs are strong when the lagna falls in one of these signs.

"Whomsoever hath not the predominant planets of his nativity in human signs will be little sociable and not very humane". If the ascendant or principal significators are not in human signs, the native himself will be estranged from human nature.

9. VOICE SIGNS

Gemini (Mithuna), Libra (Thulam) and Aquarius (Kumbha) which are airy signs, are also called musical or voice signs.

Some western authors consider Virgo (Kanya) and Sagittarius (Dhanus) also as voice signs. Some include Taurus (Rishaba) also.

Anywhere for voice, there should be the airy medium. That is why, all the airy signs are considered as voice signs.

10. BESTIAL SIGNS

Mesha (Ram), Rishaba (Bull), Simha (Lion), Makara (Goat) and the 2nd half of Dhanus symbolised by the figures of animals whose names they bear are the bestial or four-legged signs.

These signs are said to be strong, according to Prithyusas, when the Meridian (10th house) falls in them. Those born when these signs ascend, are said to have the qualities of such animals, as being bold as the lion, lustful as the goat, etc.

11. DUAL SIGNS

Gemini (Mithuna), Sagittarius (Dhanus) and Pisces (Meena) are called twin sign or dual signs meaning plurality.

12. BICORPOREAL OR DOUBLE-BODIED SIGNS

Gemini (Mithuna) representing a boy and a girl, 1st half of Dhanus representing a bow and an arrow, and Meena representing two fishes bound together by a cord are the bicorporeal or double-bodied signs.

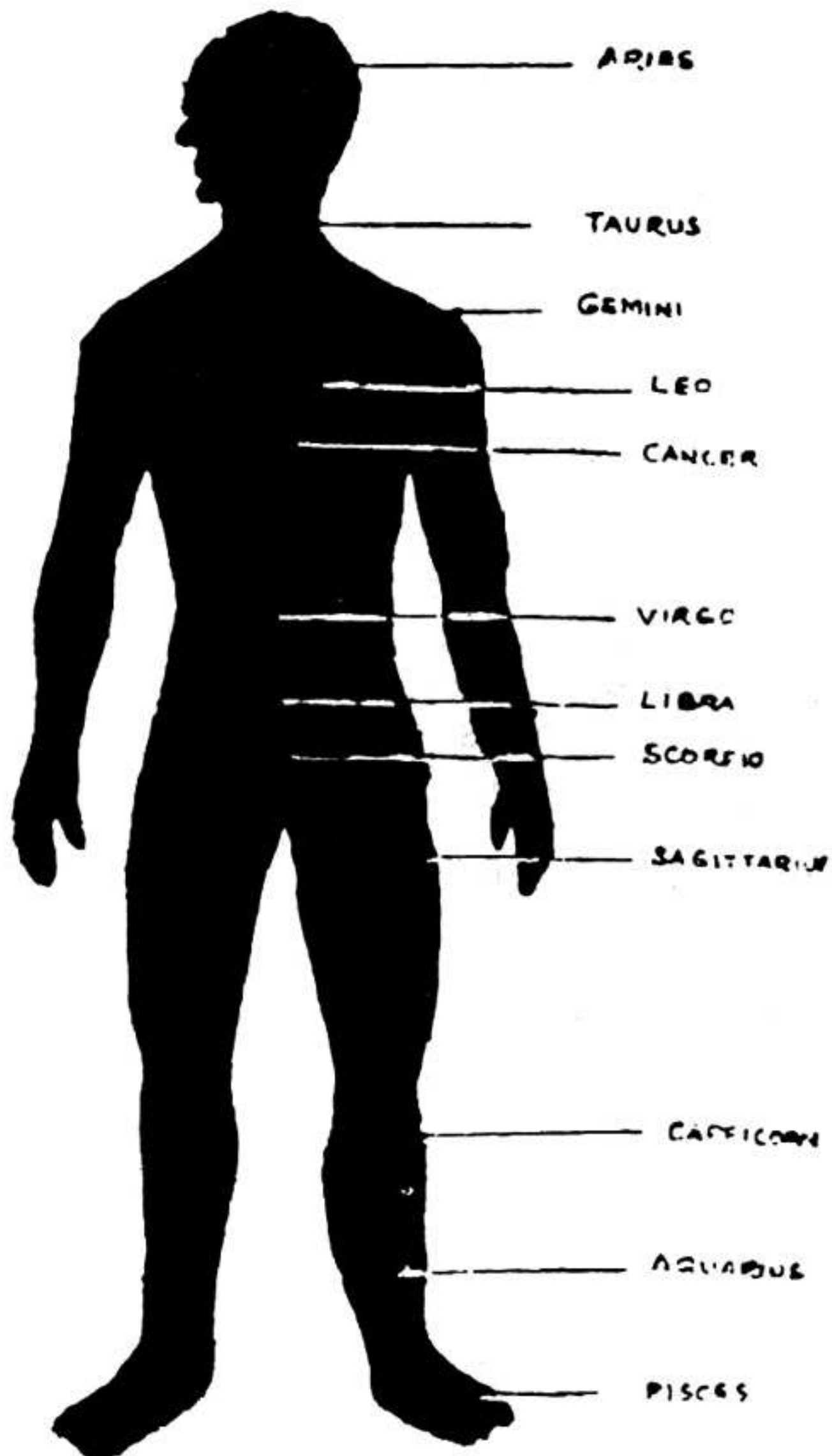
13. SIGNS OF SHORT ASCENSION

Makara, Kumba, Meena, Mesha, Rishaba and Mithuna are termed short ascension signs, because they ascend in a short time. The other six signs take longer time to ascend and are termed long ascension signs'.

SIGNS AS LONG ASCENSION

In the northern hemisphere the six signs, namely, Kataka, Simha, Kanya, Thulam, Vrischika and Dhanus take longer time in ascending than the other six signs, and are thus termed as long ascension signs. For places in the southern hemisphere, this must be reversed, the signs of long ascension in the northern hemisphere being short ascension signs in the southern hemisphere.

MEDICAL ASTROLOGY



ND	PISCES	FD	ARIES	IC
THIGHS & FEET TUMOURS & CANCEROUS GROWTH MUCUS DISCHARGES ETC		HEAD, RENAL, GLANDS, INFLAMMATORY CONDITIONS HEAD-ACHE FEVER ETC OF SHORT DURATION BUT ACUTE		
OD	AQUARIUS			
NERVOUS DEBILITY & ANKLE EXHAUSTION, KNEE BONES, TIBEA, ALSO CIRCULATORY TROUBLES, RELATING TO HEART				
FD	CAPRICORN			
CHRONIC DISORDERS, KNEE JOINTS, OSSEOUS SYSTEM, DENTAL COMPLAINTS, ACUTE RHEUMATISM, ORTHOPAEDIC COMPLAINTS, GOUT SCIATICA COLDS, RHEUMATISM ETC				
ND	SAGITTARIUS	OD	SCORPIO	
HIPS LUMBAR REGION, HIP BONE FRACTURE, PAIN IN ARMS, SHOULDERS COLLAR BONE ETC		BLADDER & URINARY PARTS AND GENERATIVE ORGANS (KIDNEY STONES) TUMOURS, CANCEROUS GROWTH MUCOUS DISCHARGE		

O.D. ORGANIC DISORDERS

F.D. FUNCTIONAL DISORDERS

N.D. NERVOUS DISORDERS

I.C. INFLAMMATORY CONDITIONS

OD TAURUS	ND GEMINI
THYROID GLANDS, FACE, THROAT, NECK, SORE THROAT, BRONCHITIS, PHARYNGITIS, CHRONIC DISORDERS	NERVES DEBILITY, EXHAUSTION, SHOULDERS, ARMS, LUNGS & CHEST, TUBERCULOSIS, RESPIRATORY ESONOPHOLIA, ASTHMA ETC
	FD CANCER
	MAMMARY FOR LADIES, STOMACH TROUBLES, TUMOURS, CANCEROUS GROWTHS, MOIST HUMOURS, ACIDITY, MUCOUS DISCHARGE ETC
	OD LEO IC
	HEART, SPINAL PARTS, CIRCULATORY FUNCTION, HEART DISEASES, CIRCULATORY DISORDERS, SPINAL COMPLAINTS
FD LIBRA	ND VIRGO
KIDNEYS & BLADDER, URINARY TROUBLES BLADDER PAIN ETC, NERVOUS DEBILITY AND EXHAUSTION	INTESTINES AND LOWER ABDOMIN, BOWEL COMPLAINTS, BLOOD DISORDERS, DROPSY SPASMS, CHRONIC DISCORDERS

ASTRO-MEDICAL

ALL MOVABLE SIGNS

FUNCTIONAL DISORDERS, SHORT DURATION

ALL FIXED SIGNS

ORGANIC DISORDERS, LONG DURATION

ALL DUAL SIGNS

NERVOUS DISORDERS, RECURRING TROUBLES

ALL FIERY SIGNS

SUDDEN & ERUPTIVE TYPE OF DISEASES SUCH AS FEVER ETC SHORT DURATION.

ALL EARTHY SIGNS

RHEUMATISM GOUT, FLATULENCE & CHRONIC DISORDERS, LONG DURATION

ALL AIRY SIGNS

TENDENCY FOR NERVOUS DISABILITY, EXHAUSTION, ILLNESS ARISING FROM OVER EXERTION, EXHAUSTION ETC

ALL WATERY SIGNS

LIABILITY TO TUMOURS, CANCEROUS GROWTHS, MUCOUS DISCHARGE.

PLANETS & DISEASES**SUN**

Heart, Back & Spinal Column

MOON

Breasts Alimentary Canal (oesophagus) Stomach, Liver Gall Bladder, Bile Ducts, Pancrease & Intestine

MARS

Muscular and Urogenital system, Sex glands (gonads) Ovaries and Testes, Blood **RED COMPONENTS ETC**

MERCURY

Respiration, Brain, Central nervous systems as a whole

JUPITER

Liver Pituitary gland, Fats, Lipids, Hormone production & Physical growth

VENUS

Throat, Kidneys, Lumber region, Parathyroid glands (calcium controlling gland)

SATURN

Gall bladder, Spleen, Skin teeth & bones (Orthopedic troubles)

RAHU

Skin diseases, Obstructive mechanism

KETHU

Valvular defects in the Heart, unconsciousness, Abortion, in child birth.

URANUS

Circulatory system, gonads, the pineal body (Area of the brain)

PLUTO

Reproductive function

NEPTUNE

Thalamus gland